

GILFORD PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 1, 2018

Present: Herb Greene, Peter Allen, Tracey Blandford, Thom Francoeur, Dave Smith, and Miriam York

Excused: Rick Nelson, Lisa Manz-Buckley, and Jim Glover

The meeting was called to order at 5:35

1. Peter and Tracey were appointed voting members.
2. **Minutes of August 27, 2018 meeting** were approved as read.
3. **Programs Updates:**

Herb reviewed the director's report. The fall programs are well underway. The adult hiking program on Tuesdays has had to cancel several times due to wet weather.

A motion was made – "To run the Francoeur/Babcock Memorial Basketball Tournament Finances through the Recreation Revolving Fund with the net profits from each year's tournament to be given to benefit scholarships in the memories of Aaron Francoeur and Nate Babcock. To accomplish this, profits will be donated to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and the Nate Babcock Scholarship Fund following the conclusion of all financial responsibilities at the end of each tournament. This process shall continue until otherwise determined by the Recreation Commission." The motion was made by Dave Smith and seconded by Miriam York – the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Community Church Senior Outreach program is cosponsoring a fall foliage bus trip and is sponsoring the cost of the bus.

4. Gilford Beach:

A synopsis of the 2018 season by the Beach Manager Becky Zakorchemny was handed out and is attached to these minutes.

Daniel Barnhart has indicated to Herb that he would like to return to the concession stand operation for next year. The Commission was pleased with the way the concession stand was run this past year and a motion was made by Tracy Blandford and seconded by Dave Smith "to ask Daniel Barnhart back again for the 2019 beach season", the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

After season patrols have taken place for three weekends with two people on patrol. The Commission feels strongly that there needs to be a least two people patrolling for safety reasons.

The swim lines were removed on Sept. 20th and the raft on Sept. 21st. Two chains were replaced on the raft and two on Jim buoys. All 5 buoys are now marked by GPS so will be easier to find in the spring.

5. Village Field:

The Selectmen approved the Commissions recommendation of accepting the donation of a scoreboard for the soccer and baseball fields.

Miracle Recreation came and fixed a piece of playground equipment that had broken at no cost to the Town.

6. 2019 Budget discussion:

The upcoming budget schedule – 10/2 Selectmen review, 10/11 Budget meeting, 10/18 budget review.

7. Facility Use Requests:

LRU soccer requested field space during mid week when space is available. Okayed.

Request to hold a wedding at Lincoln Park for 8 people on 10/13. Okayed provided no parking on the road

Next meeting will be November 5, 2018 at 5:30

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam A. York
Secretary

Enclosures – Director’s report
2018 Gilford Beach synopsis

Director’s Report for October 1, 2018

Programs

Our fall program season is in full swing as we’ve transitioned out of summer. Our youth soccer program is well underway, with strong numbers once again this season. We have 4 teams in our grades 3-5 division, 5 teams in our grades 1-2 division and 3 teams in our Kindergarten PeeWee program. This program runs through mid-October and will wrap-up with a round robin on Saturday, October 13th for the grades 3-5 and 1-2 divisions. We have also once again offered a pre-school soccer program, which Kristin and Sue have been running two days a week. This program is scheduled to wrap-up on September 28th. Our Senior Moment-um Program has seen steady participation as we’ve gotten into our fall program schedule, which kicked off with our End of Summer Pot Luck. Unfortunately, it had to be moved indoors from the beach to the Community Church due to inclement weather on the initially scheduled date and the weather make-up date. We’ve had a slow start to our Fall Hiking program as the first two weeks were canceled due to rain. Our Adult Volleyball

program is also scheduled to begin on September 25th. Tickets also just went on sale for a Celtics Bus trip will be co-sponsoring with Belmont Parks and Recreation during February vacation week. We are in the process of finishing up our Fall/Winter Program Brochure and hope to have it on the website shortly. The numbers for the programs we've run the past month are as follows:

- Fall Youth Soccer Program (Grades K-5) – 144 Participants
- Senior Moment-um Potluck – 21 Participants
- Pre-School Soccer Program – 10 Participants (Session Full)
- Adult Hike on Sept. 11 – Canceled (rain)
- Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie – 18 Participants
- Adult Hike on Sept. 18 – Canceled (rain)
- Senior Moment-um Bingo Day – 23 Participants

Planning is underway for a number of upcoming fall and winter programs. These programs include on-going programs such as Adult Volleyball and Adult Basketball, as well as traditional programs such as our Halloween Happening event. We're also partnering with the Gilford Community Church's Senior Outreach Program to offer a Senior Fall Foliage Bus trip to Cannon Mtn. In addition to the programs we will be running this coming month, we will also be opening registration for winter programs and activities such as our Gunstock Ski and Snowboard Program, Youth Basketball as well ongoing sales for our Celtics Bus Trip. Here is a list of planned programs for the end of September and beginning of October and the dates they will run:

- Adult Hike at Locke's Hill on September 25th
- Adult Volleyball begins on September 25th and will run each Tuesday
- Pre-School Soccer will end on September 28th
- Senior Moment-um Trip to T-Bones on October 1st
- Adult Hike at the Winnisquam Scenic Trail on October 2nd
- Adult Hike at Rattlesnake Mountain on October 9th
- Senior Moment-up Fall Foliage Trip on October 10th (co-sponsored with GCC)
- Adult Pick-up Basketball begins on October 11th and runs Thursdays through mid-November
- Youth Soccer Program will end on October 13th
- Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie on October 15th
- Youth Basketball Registration Night will be October 24th
- Annual Halloween Happening Party on Friday, October 26th
- Senior Moment-um Halloween Bingo on Oct. 29th

Facilities

We pulled the swim lines at the Town Beach on September 20th and the raft and JIM buoys on September 21st. We'll continue to open the gate and restrooms for the next couple of weeks, weather dependent.

The Board of Selectmen accepted the donation of the scoreboard for the Village Field and I'll continue to coordinate with Chris Harris on this project moving forward.

Bob Pettinelli from Pettinelli and Sons replaced a broken section of playground equipment on one of the structures at the Village Field at no cost to the Town as they indicated it was covered under warrantee.

Sincerely,

Herb Greene, Gilford Parks and Recreation Director

2018 Beach Synopsis

Gilford Beach was open for seventy one (72) days during the 2018 beach season beginning on Saturday, June 16th and ending on Sunday, August 26th.

Eleven thousand three hundred and sixty four (11,364) cars entered the beach during staffed hours. Of those, five hundred fifty one (551) were non-residents accompanied by a resident with a valid sticker. These numbers were up compared to last year.

During the summer we responded to seven (7) situations with distressed patrons. Of those, four (4) were distressed swimmer and three (3) were boats and/or jet skis inside our swim area in need of assistance. Other situations this year included the same man swimming into the swim line area up to the shoreline three different times, a gatekeeper threatened to be shot, continued verbal harassment towards the lifeguards and gatekeepers by Lynne and Deirdre on multiple occasions and two different JIM buoys being clearly physically moved from their original placement.

Fourteen (14) individuals received first aid primarily for cuts and gashes on their feet from mussel shells or glass.

Water Carnival was held on Wednesday August 8th with a safari theme. We had 55 cars come to the beach that day and many people/kids participate in the games happily.

The Gilford summer program was here six (6) Fridays throughout the summer, with an average of 50, 6-11 year old kids.

The Gilford youth center was here for (11) eleven Tuesdays and Thursdays of the summer with an average of 20, 10-14 year old kids.

There were many services dogs on the beach this year, that the staff found quite difficult to identify and deal with as we received many complaints.

Overall operations of the town beach were smooth this year, with few major incidents.

Becky Zakorchemny
Beach Manager