

Town of Durham, Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes / June 18, 2009

Present: Sara Wilson (chair), Emily Slama (vice chair), Amy Cunningham (co-secretary), Dave Leach, Jenna Roberts, Jean Olson, Gregg Moore (Absent: Pat Houle, co-secretary; Mike Sievert)

Minutes of the May 21, 2009, meeting were unanimously approved.

Reports:

Sara reported attending a reception recognizing people who have volunteered on town committees, commissions and councils that was held at The Hickory Pond Inn. Sara and former Parks & Rec Committee member, John Parry, received certificates of appreciation.

Emily reported on attending the town sponsored Right to Know meeting for town committee chairpersons. Covered at that meeting was protocol for committee meeting minutes and agendas, the importance of each town committee having an awareness/knowledge of current Town Council Goals, and opportunities for committee members to attend workshops and review publications pertaining to committee business. Emily also reported that the town website is being updated this summer and this would be the time to re-do the P&R page. (Sara will follow up with Luke Vincent.)

Updates:

Durham Day: Sara reported that Nicole Moore has offered to continue with coordinating for this year. The P&R committee will support Nicole as well as assist with running various events (games, etc). The incoming new P&R Director will also assist.

Thursday Night Picnics: Gregg has proposed the following schedule (weather permitting): June 25 at Wagon Hill; July 9 at Jackson's Landing; July 23, August 6 and August 20 – will vary depending on tides but will include Old Town Landing and Woodridge Park. **Reminder:** Inform Durham Police Department and Mike Lynch (DPW) of these events.

The committee discussed partnering with UNH Campus Recreation on one of their scheduled, "Outdoor Pool Night Under the Lights" at the UNH outdoor pool, either July 15 or August 5. After discussion, the committee agreed that the preferred date would be July 15.

Motion: Jenna Roberts moved that P&R pay \$2.00 per person toward admission of any Durham resident who does not hold a UNH Outdoor Pool Pass on the evening of July 15, 2009, 5-9PM, for the UNH "Outdoor Pool Night Under the Lights." Sara Wilson, second. VOTE: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

Wagon Hill: Members of the committee agreed to take on the responsibility of gathering information on the following:

- Stage/Amphitheater and electricity: Emily
- Facilities/Compostable toilets and building: Sara and Amy
- Water line possibilities and education and agriculture: Jean

Other items to discuss at next month's meeting are:

- Shore line erosion correction
- Other possibilities for use (fields, etc)

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Amy Cunningham