

Town of Durham, Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes / October 15, 2009

Present: Sara Wilson, Emily Slama, Dave Leach, Amy Cunningham, Jenna Roberts, Jean Olson, Gregg Moore, Mike Mengers

Visitors: Nick Isaac, Historic District Commission

Public Comment: Nick Isaac spoke to the group about future plans for Wagon Hill, and the possibility of an amphitheater being installed there.

Reports:

P&R Director's Report – Mike Mengers

- **Durham Spookfest** will be held on Saturday, Oct 31, at Jackson's Landing. Students from UNH Campus Rec and Hunter Hall will be helping with games and other activities. Coppal House is donating pumpkins for the pumpkin decorating portion of the evening. Mike needs volunteers to help collect the pumpkins from Coppal House. Jenna volunteered to coordinate pumpkin carving on Thursday, 10/29, to get ready for Spookfest. She will put the call out to ORPP and will need P&R volunteers as well.
- **Church Hill Rink** is not planning to have free skate events this year and have asked if P&R will take this over. The group decided to take over these events and will work on developing some theme skating events such as broom ball night, "Silver Skate" for seniors, and more.
- **Publicity & marketing** efforts are going well but there is more to do. There is now a P&R page on Facebook, and Mike has been meeting with different groups in town to "spread the word" regarding new programs as well as gather feedback.
- **Office space** is all set and Mike along with ORYA have moved into the old Durham courthouse. The courtroom has been cleared in order to offer classes.
- **Classes/programs:** Mike is currently working out the details of a P&R partnership with Kathy Kerrigan to offer her classes here. Yoga with Ruth Abelmann will be starting soon and other classes are in the works as well. The Ultimate Frisbee clinic is off to a good start. It meets at ORMS every Sunday at noon.

Durham Day – Sara reported that attendance was low but that the P&R activities went well.

Coppal House Corn Maze Event – Gregg reported that the corn maze event was successful, that 80 people attended, and that Coppal House would be interested in working together again in the future. (*Sleigh ride event this winter??*)

Water at Wagon Hill – Jean reported on her conversation with Mike Lynch about the existing well. Most of the monies needed can come from the WH account but DPW asked if P&R could set aside \$650 from the 2010 budget for water supply cost.

New Business:

2nd Annual Thanksgiving Day Turket Trot – **Motion:** Jenna Roberts, seconded by Amy Cunningham, for P&R to split the cost of the 2009 Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot with ORPP up to \$200. Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

Sara asked the group to think about priorities for spending, and to focus on Wagon Hill, for discussion at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Amy Cunningham