

Town of Durham, Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes / November 19, 2009

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

Visitors present: UNH student

Public Correspondence: Gregg received correspondence regarding a community member's concern about the lack of rules for skaters at Churchill Rink. Gregg will forward to Mike Mengers, who will forward to the Churchill Rink committee.

Minutes of the October 15, 2009, meeting were amended as follows at Jean Olson's request (amendment in bold), then approved by the committee:

*Water at Wagon Hill – Jean reported on her conversation with Mike Lynch about the existing well. Most of the money needed can come from the WH account **and from DPW. Jean asked if P&R could set aside the needed \$650 from the 2009 budget to be encumbered for the 2010 budget to pay for additional costs for water supply. Sara will also talk with Mike Lynch.***

Reports and Updates:

P&R Director's Report – Mike Mengers reported the following:

- The Spookfest held at Jackson's Landing on October 31st was a big success with about 100 people attending. There were games, a "Spookwalk" on the trail, and more. Thank you to the UNH students who volunteered at the event.
- The Doe Farm Centennial event was well attended.
- Program registration is going very well. We received great feedback on the children's tennis program. There was discussion about expenses and revenue for programs. The group agreed that this should be included in our annual report.
- The P&R Activities Room is shaping up nicely. New carpeting has been installed and Mike will be asking community members who are artists to exhibit their work.
- Holiday Skate event is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 7-8:30PM at Churchill Rink.
Motion: Amy Cunningham, seconded by Mike Sievert, to spend up to \$100 for hot chocolate and cookies to be served at the Holiday Skate, December 12, 2009. **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.
Motion passed.

Sara's meeting with Mike Lynch:

- Picnic tables at Woodridge – cost about \$1000 each. Check into this. (\$500?)
- Jackson's Landing Playground – DPW handles maintenance of the playground, and there is a JL playground committee in charge of new equipment, landscaping, etc. Jenna would like to look into the possibility of putting in a sensory garden at JL like the one at the child development center at UNH. Perhaps this is something the playground committee would like to work with us on. The ramp also needs to be rebuilt and the sandbox should either be modified or replaced. Will contact JL playground committee member(s) to discuss how we may work together.
- Park signs – We are not permitted to put signs on routes 108 or 4 without state DOT approval. On town roads, the town ordinance states that signs may not be larger than 2ft x 2.5ft. Jenna, Amy and Mike M. will look into this further after the first of the year. Signs for Woodridge Park, Longmarsh, Doe Farm and Jackson's Landing would be great if we can make this happen.
- Wagon Hill –
 - Electric – Electric is not up to date. Barely enough power for the house. Mike S. suggests Sara talk with Dennis Tuttle at PSNH about possibilities for expanding the electricity at WH.
 - Stage – Sara has a family member who is willing to donate the construction of the stage if we provide the lumber and he can put his company name on it. The preliminary plan would be to purchase the lumber before end of the year, and store it until ready to construct. Mike S. volunteered to draw up a plan for the stage.

- Water pump possibilities – Cost is \$3700 to extend water line from pump to garden including multiple spigots. The town along with the community garden committee would pay for most of this. P&R would need to spend \$650 for water source. Where do we want our water source to go and what do we want it for? One idea is to have a sink in a “hut” near the parking lot and house.

Motion: Sara Wilson, seconded by Jenna Roberts, to encumber \$650 from the 2009 P&R budget for the water line at Wagon Hill. **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

- Adopt-A-Trail – Sara will follow up with Pat Houle on this.
- Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot – Jenna and Emily are coordinating. Amy will help that day, if needed. Event runs from 9:30-10:30am, Thanksgiving Day.

Action Items:

Needs for P&R events and P&R Activities Room – folding table & chairs, clock, boot trays, coat rack, and pop-up tent.

Motion: Sara Wilson, seconded by Jenna Roberts, for Mike Mengers to purchase folding table & chairs, coat rack, boot trays, and pop-up tent, at an expense of up to \$1200. **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Amy Cunningham