

Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2014

Meeting began at approx. 7pm

Present: Courtney Marshall, Ken Trofatter, Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Mike Roberge, Don Levesque

New BusinessReview/Vote to approve minutes from 2-11-2014

Motion to approve was made by Courtney, 2nd motion by Ronalee. Minutes approved as written.

PARC Grant

The members discussed concerns regarding the PARC Grant such as the cost to taxpayers and very low turnout at the kick-off Vision and Design meeting. Nobody from the baseball or football league attended the meeting.

Tortoise & Hare Race

Members and volunteers are asked to report by 9:00am on the day of the race. There will be an add running in the Daily News for several weeks leading up to the race. Ronalee asked everyone to “share” our page on Facebook. The 1st 100 registered participants will receive a race T-Shirt, along with the race sponsors. The DPW will make certain that the Lion’s Park Restrooms are clean and stocked with supplies prior to race day. The WWTP staff will be asked to check the facility to ensure everything is working properly prior to the event.

The cost of running the Tortoise & the Hare Race is approximately \$1,600. The entry fee for runners is \$35.00.

A DJ from Evolvment Radio has been hired at a cost of \$200.00.

We will need about 20 volunteers to help out at water stops, along the race route, etc. Assignments will be given out on the day of the race by Ronalee. We also will need orange cones to be placed along the race route for safety reasons, especially at Cosmos and on True Road. The cones will be supplied by the DPW.

Easter Egg Hunt

The members were given an updated To-do-List. Wendy has to work on the day of the hunt, therefore we need to recruit a new Easter Bunny. The members will work on this.

Art Stroll

The Planning Department is having their annual Salisbury Art Stroll on May 17, 2014 from 10am to 4pm on the Old Eastern Marsh Rail Trail (parallel to Route 1/Bridge Road. The information was distributed to the members. Leah is looking for volunteers if anyone would like to help out.

Playful Cities Grant Questions from Leah

- 2013 Achievements of the Parks & Rec
 - Girls Running Group for ages 5-8
 - Adult Volleyball Program
 - Tortoise & Hare Road Race was held as a fundraiser that resulted in \$2,000

- A portion of the money was used to purchase a bench for the beach ballfield
- An Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Spring with over 250 kids in attendance
- A Fall Festival & Hayride was held in October with over 200 kids
- Plans are set for the installation of security cameras at our park to ensure park safety and decrease vandalism issues.
- Assisted the Town Planner in writing PARC grant
- Worked in collaboration with the Town baseball, softball and football programs
- How did you engage citizens in accomplishing your goals?
 - Ads in local newspapers
 - School volunteers
 - Community volunteers
 - Public Meetings
- What key data did you use to develop your 2013 plans and track progress toward your goals? How did you use it?
 - Capital Improvement Plan
 - Suggestions/ideas from members of the Baseball, Softball and Football league members
 - History of requests for the use of our fields suggests that we are unable to meet the demand
 - School population
- Describe your 2014 action plan
 - Annual Events will be held in the Spring & Fall that will engage both children and adults (no fees)
 - Adult Recreational Programs will be on-going for most of the year (no fees)
 - Park Security Cameras will be installed at Lion's Park (cost is approximately \$4,000)
- How will you engage citizens in achieving your goals?
 - Monthly meetings
 - Special meetings as needed
 - Advertisement in local newspapers
 - Use of media such as Facebook
 - Paper flyers distributed at schools and public buildings
 - Local Salisbury Community TV
 - Communication with local Boys & Girls Club
- What are the key challenges or issues that increased play can help address?
 - Childhood and Adult Obesity
 - Social isolation (loneliness)
 - Crime rates
 - Vandalism at our Parks
 - Lack of Community Involvement
 - Low Self-Esteem
 - Lack of Social Skills
- What are the primary barriers to children getting the active plan every day that they need to thrive?
 - Lack of Funds
 - Transportation
 - Lack of Involvement from Parents
 - Lack of suitable Play Areas

Park Security Cameras

The trees that need to come down have been marked and will be removed early next week. We are getting a pole from the Route 110 Project and Ray Cote has already been in contact with the contractor. The cameras will cover the Basketball Court, Baseball field, playground, concession stand and tennis court areas. This is a wireless camera system which requires a direct line of site to the Fire Station.

Volleyball

There is a good group of regular participants playing volleyball on Monday nights at the Boys & Girls Club. Ronalee told the other members that the volleyball net needs to be replaced. Ronalee will call Jim Keenan to ask about getting a new one.

Other Business

The EOC Room will not be available for Tuesday night meetings beginning in April, therefore our meeting date is changed to Mondays beginning at 6:00pm.

Ken wants to meet with Don to talk about sprinkler system requirements at the Memorial School Building in consideration of all the changes planned for the space. Ronalee has some info on the subject and told Ken she will keep him posted. She was informed that a Daycare will be going into the building and sprinkler requirements are very strict for daycares, according to the engineer for the Spaulding School Project.

The meeting ended at approx. 8:50pm