

Franklin Recreation Meeting

April 28, 2025

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance were: Stephanie Ho, Lissy Bachelder, Dianna Kittell, Ashley Flood, and Allison Franklin.

Public Comment

- Franklin Rec received a message about children playing around cars at the rec fields. Ashley will send a reminder message to parents about field safety, including this issue, speed limits and parking.

Rec Coordinator

- None

Field Management

- Field and Playground Updates
 - Lissy made a motion to spend \$170 on mulch to refresh the surfaces under the swings and slide on the rec fields playground. Allison seconded. The motion passed.
 - Ashley will follow up on the fence delivery for the baseball field
 - A t-ball field was constructed in the grass near the flagpole.
- Mowing Contract
 - Kaeden Ho has been hired to mow and line the fields. His contract was reviewed and signed by rec members.
- Review Baseball Field Bids
 - The bids were not available. The board will meet on Tuesday morning (4/29) at 10:00 a.m. to review the bids (see 4/29 minutes).
 - There is a hydroseeder available for town use if needed.

Meeting Minutes

Lissy motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the 4/7 meeting. Allison seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills were reviewed and approved.
- Balances were reviewed
 - Fund Balance \$25,111.52
 - Little League \$2,423.75
- Sponsorship numbers were reviewed, but there are questions, Ashley will follow up with the Town Clerk.
- Sponsor money will be allocated to uniform orders

Lissy motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Allison seconded. The motion passed.

Grants/Sponsorship/Fundraising

- Sponsorship
 - The number of sponsors needs to be reviewed with the Town Clerk.
- Fundraising -
 - We will begin advertising the Lake Monster fundraiser.
 - Food sales at little league games will be on 5/6 5/20 and 5/27, as there are three games on each of those nights. Food sales will begin at 5:30
- Grants
 - No new updates

Old Business

Basketball

- Reimbursement was received.

Little League

- Games for major/minor/farm begin this week. T-ball practices begin this week.
- All coaches have completed paperwork.
 - There are parents helping who have not filled out the paperwork, and that needs to be addressed.
- Umpires are still needed and Ashley is working on finding umps and ensuring that their paperwork is completed.
- Stephanie motioned to spend \$1163 on little league equipment and \$414 on soccer balls from Kevin Smith's for this and future seasons. Dianna seconded. The motion passed.

Chase Around the Lake

- June 28th was confirmed by Vt State Parks.
- Routes have been finalized. Lissy will make a flyer and registration will open this week.
- The board decided to raise the entry price to \$30 per participant and charge any spectators the park entry fee. The entry fee for participants and volunteers will be included in the \$30 participation fee.

Easter Egg Hunt Recap

- Easter Eggs have been picked up. Several blew off trees in the wind.
- We received several positive comments about this event. It would be easy to do again in the future.

Hunters Safety Course - Nathan Poore emailed all the information.

- June 17th (1 hour) 6pm - 7pm and July 29th (7 hours) 8am - 3pm field day
- Discussion with Selectboard went well.
- Dates will be confirmed with Nathan and an email will be sent out. Registration will be for Franklin residents by email.

Summer events

- Run/Walk Group
 - Brenna Sturtevant is willing to head up. Stephanie spoke with her and will follow up later in May.
- Parking Lot Party at the Pub - July 31st
 - Has been confirmed with Pub

- C&M Concessions will bring their food truck
- Franklin Rec will host a dessert sale and 50/50 raffle
- Field Hockey Camp
 - Need to confirm with Emma
- Lissy will make a flyer to advertise all our summer events

Apparel Order - Ashley will place an order.

Other Old Business - None

New Business

Strategic Planning - Brainstorm ideas (3-5 year plan) what we would like to see in the future.

Review New Rec Coordinator Contract Drafts

- Contracts were separated into (1) Athletics and (2) Events. Discussion about how to split the pay. Questions were asked about making each athletic season a stipend position.
- Stephanie will work on creating job descriptions that can be used to advertise the position(s).

9th Grade Community Service

- 9th Graders from MVU will be coming to the rec fields to do community service during the mornings of June 11 and June 12. They can stain the big shed (second coat) and batting cage, and help with other field clean up.

Other New Business

- MVSD has posted a job opening for a part time AD for Highgate and Swanton to run their 5/6 soccer and basketball seasons. There are questions about why Franklin was not included.
- Stephanie and Allison attended the open meeting law training on 4/16. Recently an email with a required training for all board members was shared. All members are asked to complete in a timely manner.
- Executive Session from 9:15-9:40 p.m. Discussion was about communication between board members, the recreation coordinator and coaches. No action was taken.

Spring/Summer Meeting Dates - the following dates were selected

- 5/5 - 8:00 p.m. - special meeting to make decision about ball field bid
- 6/2 - 7:00 p.m.
- 6/30 - 7:00 p.m.
- 7/28 - 7:00 p.m.
- 8/18 - 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be an emergency meeting to review the ball fields bids on April 29th at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a special meeting to make a decision about the bids on May 5th at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be on June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.