

Franklin Recreation Meeting May 5, 2025

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

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

Public Comment

- Dianna would like to borrow the popcorn machine for the June Dairy Day Parade. Rec has no issues. She will coordinate with Jen to pick up.

Rec Coordinator

Contract and Job Description Review

- 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 sent the board the job descriptions for review so that they can be used to advertise the position(s). Waiting for the auditors to get back to us.
- Estimated \$6000 for Athletics and \$5000 for Events.
- Looking at hiring on July 1st so we need to finalize and make a plan to advertise.

Field Management

Review Baseball Field Bids

The following bids were received:

- Wright's Excavating - received on 2/14/25 - \$32,100
 - Ball field \$20,700
 - Soccer field \$11,400
- Pelletier Excavating - received on 3/27/25 - \$7,200 updated to \$8300 as of 5/5.
- Jettie Excavation - received on 3/31/25 - \$22,820
- Bishop Property Maintenance - received on 4/17/2025 - \$32,220

Lissy motioned to accept the updated bid from Pelletier Excavating in the amount of \$8300. Dianna seconded. The motion passed. We will reach out to Lisa as to the next steps.

Grants/Sponsorship/Fundraising

- Sponsorship
 - Mullen Insurance is offering a \$5000 donation towards the baseball field project. We will have a plaque made to put up in appreciation of the donation.
 - 13 total sponsors have been received to date for a total of \$3150.
 - Food sales - 1st is set for May 6th at 5:30.

Stephanie motioned to spend up to \$300 on food and supplies for all three food sales. Lissy seconded. The motion passed.

Little League

- Laura updated on the 25th Anniversary Celebration and Player Appreciation Day on May 31st. The double header schedule for the day is still being worked on.
- NWLL will be sending out an email soliciting for interested coaches for all star teams as well as asking coaches to tally the number of players interested in trying out. All Star try-out tentative date is May 18th.
- There are wasps in and around the shed. Allison will take action.
- Picture date TBD.
- Laura passed on some suggestions to the NWLL board as to how to gain new umpires for next season as we struggle each season to find volunteer umpires for Little League.

Other Old Business

- Stephanie received an explanation as to why Franklin was not included in the part-time MVSD Athletic Director position. With the information received we now question if Franklin Rec should be receiving the same stipend that Swanton and Highgate receive if we are running the 5th and 6th grade athletic programs. Stephanie will follow up.
- Lissy is preparing a flyer advertising summer events.
- Brenna is willing to head the walking group.
- Soccer registration will open around June 2nd.
- Community Dinner date TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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