

Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

May 10/2007
Raymond High School
6:30 P.M.
Room 202

Attendance: Chairman Mr. L. Papamichael, Mrs. S Ellis, and Mrs. A Miller and Assistant Director. Ms. Kelly Lehman Absent were the members from the selectmen and school board.

Business:

The committee agreed on having Mr. Papamichael as chairman of the Recreation Commission.

Old Business:

Discussion on the track and getting it up to par. Mr. Papamichael said he would check with NHIAA to find out about the size. There is a grant for all this and we would like to have Ms. Lehman check out the following. How much is the grant, how much does the Town have to match and when does this grant expire?

New Business:

Mrs. Miller and Ms. Lehman discussed with the commission about a new program for training of the coaches that coach for the Raymond Rec programs. It was stated that the program NYSCA, National Youth Sport Coaches Association, was the program used in the past. Both Mrs. Miller and Ms. Lehman discussed about the CoachsmartNH program. They felt this would offer a lot more to the coaches then the other one. Concern that was brought forward was NYSCA offered liability insurance for the cost of 20.00. It was stated that once you have taken their program it is offered to individual coaches. The Recreation Department has paid this in the past. CoachSmart NH does not offer this.

Motion: Mrs. Ellis moved second by Mrs. Miller to use CoachSmart NH for a year and see how people accept it. Anyone wanting to keep the liability will pay for it themselves. Vote was 3 to 1 with Mr. Papamichael against it.

It was asked Ms. Lehman to check into what kind of insurance the town has for liability insurance.

Smoking on the Recreation Fields: Mrs. T. Reardon and Mrs. C. Clark came to the advisory board to ask us for our support on putting signs up stating no smoking zone. After discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to ask the selectmen to consider making all Recreation Areas smoke free by extending the ordinance to include Cammett Recreation Area, Rte 107 field, AI Welch Field, Riverside Park, Town Common and the Beach. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Lehman will check to find out when we can get on the selectmen's agenda.

Chris Worcester asked the commission if there was a town ordinance for use of the fields used by other towns. He felt that Raymond was losing practice time because teams from other towns were using the fields. Ms. Lehman informed us that the priority is Youth and then Raymond Adult teams. One of the

concerns was if out town teams are using our field there should be a fee to help pay for the repair and maintaining of the fields so the tax payers do not have too. It was suggested that we look at the policies of the use of fields and at our next meeting Ms. Lehman will bring in policy on the use of the fields. It was the consensus of the commission to look into this.

Ms. Lehman asked us about having concert on the common this summer. She showed us different groups and the commission agreed to go with the Quintessential Brass and Concord Coachman. Ms. Lehman will find out when they are available.

Mr. Papamichael adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Lee Ellis