

## Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes 7/12/07 – Amended and accepted.

Attendees – Luke Papamichael (chair), Chris Gillen (RYBA), Michelle Gordon (Recreation Director), John Harmon (school), Tim Auclair (town).

Absent – Sandy Ellis, Angel Miller.

### Old Business

- Raymond HS/Middle school Track Refurbishment, what, if any, plans are there to construct new track and should we proceed to upgrade existing track via grant from Nike.

**Action – John to discuss with superintendent or school board and advise at next meeting.**

- Second set of Basketball hoops and poles still not assembled at middle school. Chris indicated that RYB had purchased the pair 4-5 years ago. Tim indicated that with budget cuts the town may not have the resources. Luke indicated that 4-5 years was a bit excessive wait.

**Action – Tim to look into the issue and report back at next meeting.**

There was discussion in the past of non Raymond residence using recreation fields. Ahab produced documents to indicate that there were policies (KGA-R1,R2,Non-Compliance and Grievance Procedure,F1 and F2) with regards to Public Use of School Facilities but they did not include Recreation fields. Luke indicated that from a previous meeting that it was agreed that we should establish a policy which would need to be presented to selectmen for approval.

**Action – Ahab to produce first draft of generating policy and fees for non-Raymond residents using recreation and school athletic fields.**

- Tim reported to the board that he heard that Board of Selectmen were not going to pursue an ordinance to prohibit smoking at ball fields and other recreational areas in town.

### New Business

Luke had asked what community service programs, if any, are being promoted by the school and if they are promoted or downplayed as punishment to students. John was not aware of any program except for what is being done by the Raymond Honor Society and the Raymond Youth Coalition. There was some discussion regarding what was actually community service and volunteer work, other programs at other schools. John also indicated that if a parent had a complaint they could bring it to the attention of the school board for a non public forum.

- Tim suggested that Recreation should establish an annual fundraiser for Recreation. Luke indicated that a special account should be established so money be used for Recreation and not get turned into the general fund.

- Luke brought up the idea of a community sign be built in front of the town office where we could post town events. Tim had concerns regarding if there was a sign ordinance.

Directors Report:

Ahab and the Recreation Dept. reported the following events: Youth Coalition concerts, Senior Trips and BBQ, parking lot issues, 320 Playground participants, Hugh Holt Race, Concerts on the Common, Movie Night, Hershey Track and more.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted  
Luke Papamichael