

Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes 8/16/07

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

Absent – Sandy Ellis, Angel Miller Chris Gillen.

New discussion and Action in **Bold** type.

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. John still not reporting any update, more information during the September-October time frame.  
**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. **Tim and Ahab both talked to Dennis McCarthy, work priority between Old Bye Road and other flood issues is take away resources however October would be a better time frame**  
**Action – Tim to follow up.**
- 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. **John indicated that there were future school policy meeting and that would need to be discussed at that time if to accept the RAB recommendation. Ahab also indicated that fields that were built by land and water conservation grants were restricted from being charged user fees and that any fees would only cover reasonable maintenance. Ahab produced a draft of “Public Use of Recreational Facilities – Implementation Procedures and Regulations”.**  
**Action – Board to review, discuss, change and possible action.**

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

**Note, after the meeting John clarified and sent me this email:**

*Hi Luke,*

*Last night I misspoke regarding what the parent should do regarding his/her concerns about community service. The parent should first contact the school principal and if not satisfied there, then go to Mr. Shore. If not satisfied with Mr. Shore's response, then go the School Board. Sorry for the misinformation.*

*John Harmon*

**Action – John to follow up about any community service programs that would interest the school.**

New Business

- **Dale Carny came forward to discuss helping the Raymond Soccer Club complete building a field at the Cammett Recreation area. Dale has a vast amount of experience in construction projects and has offered his expertise to get this project completed. After much discussion:  
Action – Dale and Luke to meet with Dennis McCarthy to get this project started.**
- **Tim indicated that there will be some re-categorizing of certain CIP accounts such as “Van Maintenance” and others that were combined Parks and Recreation.  
Action – Tim to follow up.**
- **Recreation personnel to be recognized by Town Selectmen for averting a situation in the parking lot during Summer Playground camp.**

**Directors Report:**

**Meetings regarding after school programs, possibly having RCFY hire and Americorp Vista. Setting up senior trips to Lighthouse Lovers, Foxwoods, and Ogunquit Playhouse. Playground participants 320+, Soccer Club jamboree on 8/25. Kelly procured two grants NHN (Healthy NH) for \$1439.80 and Kaboom for \$5000 (this grant was for the soccer club). Coach Smart clinics, 8/7 Concert on the Common - Quintisential Brass, Kids On Commons 7/20 & 8/17, Jim White participated.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted  
Luke Papamichael