

Town of Moreau Recreation Commission Meeting 9/13/2010 Town of Moreau Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Members present - Garth Baker, Ryan Dennis, Elizabeth Lanfear, Bob Vittengl, Keith Krepplein, John Farrell and Andy Laing, Alternate Member

Absent - Frank LaBarge

Also present – Steve Gram, Recreation Director; Town Councilman Todd Kusnierz and guest Ed Tracy

Steve gave an overview of summer programs. The beach had excellent turn out with good weather. Approximately 50 people during the week per day and in excess of 100 on weekends . We had an extra lifeguard this year and it worked out well. Also had 27 sign up for the learn to swim program which ran 9-11 in the morning.

Items discussed for next year: Beach, upgrades to building and play area; new programs such as partial swim classes utilizing the new YMCA to help out; kayak lessons, and talk of why we had advance sign up for swim lessons.

Camp Moreau ran approximately nine weeks this summer and was a success for its first year. Attendance was 35-50 after the first week. Next year want to offer more educational programs to students and expect numbers to grow. Recreation members wanted to meet with Donna from Moreau Community Center to see how we can help the program grow and what the needs of Community Center are to see if we can share some future facilities.

Fall soccer numbers were down this year by approx 100 kids now at 620 but we are getting more sign-ups every day. Steve had 30-40 late sign ups since school started, and over 150 late sign up from 7/1 cut off. Discussed why sign up was so early and Steve explained shirts have to be ordered and setting up teams, and coach training. We ran into a supply issue with shirts coming in at the last minute and time lapse to order additional shirts. Andy wanted to know if there was a special sheet for shirts and a date of performance with bids. It was recommended that a local supplier that can respond quickly should be used next year. Also discussed ordering extra shirts for late sign ups, but logistics hurt that idea.

Discussed the new natural playground at Kensington school and this idea would work out great for new play area to be built by softball quad, also a pavilion in that area . Bob Vittengl had some pictures of wading pool and tower shower for tots as a possible addition to recreation park as needs grow for the play area.

Discussed some of the budget numbers as to monies not spent this year and the possibility of using these to get the new pole barn maintenance facility built this year. Also discussed next year's budget and asked members for new ideas for park.

Steve Gram said numbers were light for movie night, with only a handful showing up. Used school equipment which worked great. Will review for next year.

The need for reliable internet access at recreation park and cell service was discussed by commission and was agreed that this was a priority for the success of all programs in the future. Andy Laing thought monies spent on hard line from Time-Warner was worth the investment, and Steve Gram said he was checking into Verizon for pricing for internet and new cell phones.

Talked of upgrading one bathroom per year at existing sites with the rest rooms across from Little League to be the first to be completed. Also we are going to meet with Little League to share ideas for improving current concession stand and a time frame to complete. Jon Otoupal was to meet with Bob Vittengl and Steve Gram to see if we could reach common ground and then entire recreation commission and little league board would meet to forward these ideas.

We discussed the need for additional security at night at park after incidences with 4 wheelers and other reckless driving by tennis court with driver in park under the influence. Sheriff and State Police notified.

Next meeting: 10/4/2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.