**Marshfield Recreation Department**

**900 Ferry Street**

**Recreation Commission Meeting**

February 27, 2019 Meeting called to order 6:06pm

Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting attendees:

Gary Pina, Brian Spano, Chris Cioccia, Steve Darcy

Craig Jameson, Director Marshfield Recreation

Nancy Bowers, Administrative Assistant Marshfield Recreation

Old Business

Approval of Minutes - Motion to Approve January 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes - Steve Darcy

Brian Spano second the motion. All in favor. Minutes passed

Director’s Report

Craig Jameson Reports

2018-2019/2019-2020 Extended Day Program - Craig Jameson reported that Extended Day Program is doing very well. He is making progress on Martinson and Daniel Webster Licensing for next Fall.

Early Closing MES, SRS Late Closing DWS, EWS, GWS

Will need to hire more staff

Winter Program Update

Winding down. February Vacation went well, ½ Day at Martinson between 10-15 children a day.

Disney on Ice 27 people attended

Craig Jameson said that the Recreation Department and the South Shore Outdoors/Eric Goodwin are in collaboration together on outdoor hiking program. We have 12 Middle School hikers.

Spring and Summer Program Plans

Finalizing Spring Brochure : UK Elite, Easter Egg Hunt, Kids Fit at all 5 schools 5-6 week sessions

Planning Babysitting in the Spring at FBMS

Summer: Tennis with Gary Pina, Planning DWS Playground Camp 7 weeks this year, Planning to have 6-7 weeks of programs for preschoolers, 4 weeks of Kay Bilas’ programs, 2 weeks of Sing Explore Create, 1 week of Sports Mania, All Sports camp 4 weeks confirmed with instructor

Special Education

Right now we have 8 in our Yoga and Wellness program.

We are trying to attract High School to 25 years old and beyond in our Special Education Programs.

Ice Skating Rink

We had 2 solid months of the rink being open.

Spring Field Usage Update

We had a meeting with all town sports leaders regarding this year’s field planning. The outcome is that we all need to cooperate and be creative due to lack of fields. Rockwood Road Complex is closed for Spring Season.

Library Plaza Update

Library Plaza is being utilized more. Special Education Programs are held there. Next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held there.

Parks & Playgrounds

Craig Jameson wrote a letter supporting EWS and SRS plans for new playgrounds. Brian Spano - CPC Money is being used for playgrounds

Facility Maintenance

Gary Pina spoke to Joe Kelleher regarding having the Recreation Department building at Coast Guard Hill cleaned just as Library Plaza Location. Gary Pina suggested we have the hill mowed Craig Jameson says it is done on a regular basis.

Volunteer Group Projects/Easter Egg Hunt

Working on having the High School Student Council help out at our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th.

Discussion

Gary Pina talked about Pickleball. In the past it was show up and play. Pickleball possibility of a beginner’s instructional program. Regular Pickleball programs. Gary Pina suggested a Pickleball league.

He said people don’t want to move from Peter Igo Park for Pickleball. Craig Jameson said Peter Igo Park and the Marshfield Recreation Department have a great relationship. Time slots for pickleball will be available at Peter Igo Park but we are going to utilize Marshfield High School tennis courts more than we have in the past. Craig Jameson said he will be using special tape that does not leave residue on courts and buying portable nets making 6 pickleball courts out of the 3 tennis courts. Chris Cioccia says that you can actually make 4 pickleball out of 1 tennis court. Gary Pina said he doesn’t think we can do that because the nets are permanent on the tennis courts. Chris Cioccia suggest to tape only a few because it becomes distracting while playing tennis and Gary Pina agreed. Craig Jameson says there needs to be cooperation between all groups and locations.

Steve Darcy spoke about the Dog Parks potential new location and its’ potential restriction. There are wells on the property that are capped, looking into whether the wells will remain capped permanently or is there a potential of reopening them. Originally closed due to sodium levels Still researching but still a possibility If not possible will withdraw from Town Meeting Chris Cioccia wanted to know if Steve would have to reapply to the Stanton Foundation each time he finds a new location. Steve Darcy stated he did not. There are other possibilities and potential land swap between owners of 2 locations.

There was also a conversation it should be put in the Marshfield Mariner that people need to pick up their dogs waste at Coast Guard Hill location.

It was stated that the Recreation Commission webpage is not up to date

Craig Jameson looking in to it.

Meeting Voted and Adjourned 7:15pm

Next Meeting March 27, 2019, 6:00pm at Library Plaza