

Marshfield Recreation Department
900 Ferry Street
Recreation Commission Meeting
September 29, 2021, Meeting Called to Order 6:03

Marshfield Recreation Commission Meeting attendees:

Gary Pina, Denis Kelleher, Brian Spano,
Craig Jameson, Director Marshfield Recreation,
Nancy Bowers, Administrative Assistant Marshfield Recreation
Missing Commission Member: Brendan Wills, Brian Robinson

Craig Jameson started off by discussing the budget. We have gone \$68,000 over what the Town Treasurer and Town Administrator wanted in the account to be comfortable again due to lack of money coming in because of COVID. Summer brought in great revenue. The 6V6 program was a collaboration of Girls Soccer Boosters and Recreation Dept. DWS Playground program had great attendance for the full 9 weeks. We had 15-34 children each week. All sports program was sold out for the 3 weeks. Lacrosse we had 56 participants. We had a 6 week preschool program. Different theme every week, 2 of which were sports mania.

Fall programs, we have Pickleball at Peter Igo and in Martinson and South River. Brian Spano wanted to know if the Pickleball players are happy with all of the court opportunities and times. Craig said that they seem to be, no complaints. Gary Pina talked about how the Council on Aging had 2 programed mornings and the rest was open to anyone. He also said that Craig did a good job with all programming. Gary also stated that Craig did a good job managing the construction of the Multi-Use Courts at the Boys and Girls Club. Gary will be teaching more of the Beginner Pickleball lessons at PIP. Craig continued to talk about the fall programs. He said we have Kids Fit that started this week at 3 of the elementary schools, MES, EWS and DWS. This is running for 6 week session.

There is also Adult Basketball in DWS and the High School. There is Volleyball at FBMS.

This winter Craig said the Recreation Department will be having the Blue Hills Skiing programs for the children, trips for children, Kids Night Outs with field trips and Kids Night Out in our program rooms. We will be doing programs during school vacation weeks.

Adult trip were brought up and Nancy said we looked into them and they are not profitable for us. We would only bring in \$4 a person per trip. On average we only get 20 people per trip. Gary said we should look into renting a coach bus ourselves. Nancy said we had done that already and is would be approximately \$3000 for a 3 hour trip. Craig said we would have to charge a lot per person per trip.

Craig talked about the Peter Igo Park permitting. It has been an uphill battle trying to get the work done. DPW is understaffed and spread thin.

Craig spoke about the Coast Guard Hill property.

The Coast Guard Hill Playground is going in hopefully October 6th. We are waiting on an RDA from the Conservation Commission on the 5th of October. Craig said that the Volleyball courts have been used a lot and the nets are new. The Community Garden is going to be worked on to clean it up. We have a new person Cecilia who is now in charge of organizing the coordination of the garden. We are in support of the Agricultural Commission putting in a request for new fencing around the Coast Guard Hill garden.

Gary said with the new playground maybe this will lay groundwork for a new fields building.

Craig also spoke about the preschool soccer program that is being run by him on Sundays at CGH.

Craig showed picture of the new Multi-use courts and the Boys and Girls Club. We will be doing a grand opening of the courts.

Gary Pina thought we should call the new courts the Marshfield Recreation Hammond Sports Complex after the first Slave in Marshfield. The Commission agreed that would be a good idea to name them.

Craig showed the new registration website and calendar to the Commission. Permits are up to date to date in the system. We have been trying to get the DPW to put their information when the fields are unavailable to play on due to maintenance.

Craig started to talk about putting in a request for CPC funding of lights and camera at the Multi-Use Courts. Denis Kelleher explained about putting in a request and time frames when things happen. Gary made a motion for Craig to put in the request and Brian Spano 2nd it. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig said he was going to put up the ice skating ring again this year.

Gary went over the condition of the Street Hockey Rink and Basketball Courts at FBMS. He said they are in good shape.

Gary made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Brian Spano 2nd it. Motion pass unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 7:44