

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2018

In attendance: Heather McElroy, Brandy Goulet, Emma Gunn, Maggie Machinist, Doug Niles.

Meeting was called to order and three updates were added to the agenda. Doug added paint colors and a flooring quote from Chuck's Flooring, and Maggie added playground meeting discussion.

Doug then showed the Committee the flooring choices provided by Chuck's and gave the prices associated with them. The members did not like the styles and thought that the price was higher than we wanted to spend. Alternatives were discussed and the group came to the conclusion that "snap together" foam flooring similar to many gyms, would be worth looking into.

Doug showed the group some color swatches to at least get an idea of the color the group wants to have the Recreation Room painted. The group decided on a color (Windblown Blue).

Maggie let the group know that she spoke to a woman from the Tillotson Fund and gave her an overview of our desire to update the playground in the Lakeside Park. She let the group know that the funders will be looking for collaboration, "skin in the game", and a plan for maintenance going forward. Maggie also noted that there will be an Open House in Groveton for people interested in applying for grants through the Tillotson Fund, date TBD. The group discussed the need to hold a meeting with other stakeholders in town. It was decided that the Recreation Committee will try to get onto the Planning

Commission's agenda for their next meeting to present our ideas and seek support. Doug will find out the date and contact the committee members to make them aware. The group also discussed having a community meeting with food provided, and a movie for children to watch while their parents attend. Date and time TBD.

Next the group discussed the Trunk or Treat event. The group talked about requests made to move the event to the front of the Town Hall. Doug let the group know about the logistical concerns that Mike had about having to close down two streets and limiting access to Sunrise Manor. Maggie also mentioned that her husband suggested that the group play a Halloween "movie" such as "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" or something similar on the same evening. The members thought that this was a good idea.

Next, Doug let the group know that the folks from Sunrise that participated in the CRAG art class would like to have it every three weeks, rather than weekly. The committee also discussed putting the "feelers" out on social media to see if there would be interest in having a Kids art class, or a weekend or evening art class for adults.

Doug let the group know that he will be beginning his Basketball Sessions for the ENCORE afterschool program on Nov. 5th and 7th. There will be 10 students in the "older" kids session, and 15 in the "younger" session. He also confirmed that he will be assisting Master Decker on Fridays for the Tae Kwon Do program.

Doug reminded the group that he would be leaving on the 2nd to attend the Tai Chi certification workshop in Montpelier. He showed the group a flyer to promote the program locally and it was deemed to be "too wordy" so he will make adjustments as needed.

Doug gave an overview of a conversation he had with Joel Cope about the VOREC grant opportunity. He showed them the possible list of items to fund that Joel came up with, and asked them to think of “their priorities” so that we can share them with the other stakeholders.

Pond-a-thon and MapleFest 2019 were tabled.

In other business, Maggie stated that she has been asked if Brighton Rec. was going to offer the I.P. Jr. Hoops program again this year. Doug stated that he is looking to offer it again, but it will be a 6-8 week program instead of 3+ month program like last year.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.