HOLLIS RECREATION COMMISSION

7/21/22

ATTENDEES: Erica Crea, Dave Belanger, Jake Balfour, Jayne Belanger, Robbin Dunn, Russ Rogers.

MOTION to Approve the May 19, 2022 minutes by Dave Belanger, 2nd by Jake Balfour. APPROVED

ADGENDA:

- 1. Pickle Ball
- 2. Toss and Catch League (canine league)
- 3. Baseball Dugout repair prior to SVI Tournament in July
- 4. Mulch at Little Nichols and Nichols
- 5. Outside Clubs renting fields. We have no guidelines around this.
- 6. Hardy South this summer
- 7. Senior Excursions
- 8. Gate City
- 9. Irrigation on soccer/ horse areas
- 10. Welding of play set on Little Nichols (if anyone knows a welder please forward contact)
- 11. June 27th Board of Selectmen meeting
- 1. Pickle Ball. Two pickle ball courts will be lined on ONE tennis court. Leaving a tennis court open at all times. Pickle ball hours to start will be T/TH 9-11am and Sunday 8-10am. Signage will be made to keep at the court, along with storage for the nets. We have a designated person who will have the code to open the storage unit. Total cost \$1,350.00

MOTION to approve the addition of pickle ball courts to the existing tennis courts by Dave Belanger, 2nd by Russ Rogers APPROVED.

- 2. Toss and Catch. A group is reaching out to inquire of starting a toss/catch league. It is a canine league where one dog at a time is tossed an object and the dog is released to retrieve. The dogs are leashed when not competing. They do have an insurance binder and it is a nationally recognized organization. The sports fields are not an option as there is an ordinance that all dogs must be leashed. We discussed Monson as a possible option, with Tom reaching out to the conservation committee is see if they could utilize a field there. Discussed the existing leash law. Will continue to research options for this group.
- 3. Renting out sports fields. We do not have any policy in place in regards to outside organizations renting Hollis fields or horse area. We agreed that there will be a two week max for any outside organization to rent our fields. They must provide an insurance binder and submit proper paperwork. Soccer fields need two weeks of rest in August. For the horse area, Outside groups; \$25-\$50 per horse to rent the area and provide an insurance binder. I will check with Lori on how much the binder must be for. Jayne, is there a process in place to rent the ring? Need field rental policy document. We also need to cap the field use and rest the fields in August.
- 4. Senior excursions, it will cost \$100 an hour to secure busing for excursions. Trips being 2-3 hours. Thought is to charge seniors \$5 per excursion. We will need to work with Jacob to see which fund we can pull from in the revolving rec account as we do not currently have a budget for senior trips. Will need to look for transportation options, as school buses may not be an option due to the lack of air conditioning.
- 5. Gate City Fence, the rec committee is responsible for maintence and fixing of any broken gates at the facilities. We currently have two broken gates. Quote for repair is \$325 MOTION to approve Gate City Fence to repair the broken gates by Robbin Dunn, 2nd by Jayne Belanger. APPROVED

- 1. Glass bill: for softball shed which falls under rec. The softball shed window was broken this weekend for the second time. \$212 for past repair that was done and we need to decide if we just want to replace the glass again or board it up. Discussed the options of a plexiglass type window or putting a trail camera in the shed. Souhegan Valley League (SVL) will have all fall ball teams playing. Need to registered by 8/15/22. Erica will talk to Brain or Joe regarding registration.
- 2. The irrigation system is broken at both Hardy fields. NH Green Landscaping turned it on and there is a leak. There is no way to know how much it will cost until he digs it up. Projected cost anywhere from \$200-\$1,000. Irrigation is currently working on Hardy North and Hardy South. Repairs came in under budget. The irrigation at Nichols Outfield isn't working. Will cap at \$1,000.00 for repairs. MOTION not to exceed \$1,000.00 for irrigation repairs at Nichols Field by Dave Belanger, 2nd by Jake Balfour. APPROVED
- 3. The brush at Little Nichols needs to be cut back. The quote is \$600.00 to complete the work. MOTION to cut back the brush, not to exceed \$600.00 by Dave Belanger, 2nd by Russ Rogers. APPROVED
- 4. August 2, 2022 is National Night Out from 6pm to 10pm at Nichols Field. This is for a community-building campaign promoting police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, Kona Ice, dunk tank, games with officers, bounce houses, face painting, music and more.
- 5. Erica will be meeting with Old Home Day committee (OHD) on 8/25/22.
- 6. Playset at Little Nichols is broken and needs to be welded back together. Stay tuned for a quote on that as it needs to be fixed immediately. Anyone know a welder please pass the info along. I've called 4.
- 7. Discussed having a movie night in conjunction with the Hollis Social Library.

- 8. The dugouts need to be repaired. They flood and we have kids standing in water. It is getting worse. NH Green Landscape will fix 5 of the 6 for \$1770.00. The 6th was fixed. They will bring the dugouts to grade level with a mixture of dirt and clay. No rock. Baseball would like this done prior to SVI. Baseball dugouts have been repaired and come in under budget at \$980.00
- Quote for mulch at Little Nichols and Nichols play areas \$955.00 MOTION to mulch the Little Nichols and Nichols Field play areas by Russ Rogers, 2nd by Jayne Belanger APPROVED
- 2. June 27th, I will be presenting to the board of selectmen a list of facility improvements that need to be addressed. South, tennis and basketball courts resurfaced, electrical and flooding issues. Consult with a field development company to study our needs as a community.

The next rec committee meeting will be 8/18/22 at 7pm at the Lawrence Barn.

Submitted by Robbin Dunn