

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Members Present: Scott Haskins, Stephanie Giovannucci, Tim Rose, Sheri Sprague, Jennifer Tupeck, Sheryl Tedford

There being a quorum meeting was called to order by Chair Haskins at 5:30pm

- **Minutes:**

Tupeck/Sprague moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2024 as amended. **Motion Passed**

Rotary Club – Fall Festival:

Scott Haskins asked the Rotary Club to join us so we can start putting together the fall festival event. He added that he will need to take the test to distribute the alcohol and that there has to be an inspection done by the state prior to the event. Mr. Haskins stated he will put these motions into place.

Board discussed the event dates being October 12th or 19th from 1pm to 6pm. Continued discussion on kid's activities being pumpkin painting, root beer floats, face painting, axe throwing, blow up axe throwing, wall climbing, gel blasters, car show, clown. Board talked about having a live band or a DJ, kegs or vendors and food trucks. Chuck Drew of the TN Rotary will talk to Kettlehead to see how it works at their events having vendors there instead of us serving the beer. He will also talk to them about the food trucks, he stated that there are a couple different options where the trucks pay a small fee to set up and then keep their proceeds, or give a portion of their proceeds to the cause. It was also discussed about getting sponsors for the food and cooking ourselves. Discussion continued about activities for the adults being cornhole, horse shoes, volleyball and clown. Board will continue discussion on entrance fee as they narrow down activities and food/beverages, Board is leaning towards \$30 per person, \$10 per kid. Possible get Dipsy Doodle to serve samples of ice cream as well. Other activities, 50/50, raffles, portable pump track.

Both Boards agreed since we are collaborating all proceeds and costs will be split 50/50.

- **Open Projects:**

Announcing Booth – Mr. Haskins is checking with the Huot Tech Center to see if they have time to build the frame at the school and then we can transport it to the site. Board agrees we'd like to get this complete for Old Home Day.

Gazebo – Board reviewed images of ideas for a Gazebo which can hopefully hold a bell.

- **Funding:**

Cord Wood/Pellets Raffle – Board reviewed how many tickets were left to sell, and agreed to keep selling until all have been sold.

Spring/Summer Fundraiser - Board agreed to May 25th with a rain date of June 8th, Board will sell food.

Comedy Night – Mr. Haskins is setting up a meeting via zoom for our next meeting with Funny for Funds to explain the event. Board agrees to 50/50 and raffles, 21+ event \$25/person, sell food, event is about 3 hours.

- **New Business:**

Mrs. Sprague asked how we get businesses to sponsor events. Mr. Haskins stated that the Rotary gets it typically because of their name, and that Rotary's are a national organization. Mrs. Tupeck stated that the Bumblebees do there's mostly on social media, putting names on banners and shirts.

Mrs. Tupeck stated that since Surette Park is not being used, she asked if the Bumblebees could use it for practices. Mrs. Giovannucci stated that she needs to fill out the Use of Town Property form.

- **Other Business:** None

- **Public Input:**

Kevin Waldron stated that the Hawkers & Peddlers Ordinance can be waived by the Board of Selectmen. He asked why we are subbing out the construction of the booth and not just building it ourselves. Mr. Haskins stated that they will just sub out the framing and then once delivered get volunteers together to finish the construction.

Mr. Waldron asked if we have anything planned for March or April. Mr. Haskins stated not at this time.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Minutes Approved 3/14/24