

Durham Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Attendance:

Sherry Hill, Karen Kean, Kate McLaughlin, Linda Handley, Ann Figoras, Cheryl Salva, Joan Bowe

Absent:

Bonnie Acari, Ann Benjunas, Charlie Bray

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Kean at 7:30pm. The committee welcomed Cheryl Salva and Joan Bowe as prospective committee members.

Mike Doyle was present and spoke about a proposal to open Camp Farnham to the community for various recreational activities. He is seeking input as to whether this would be of interest to members of the community.

The minutes from June's meeting were not available for review and it was recalled that there was not a quorum at that meeting.

**Old Business:**

The summer programs were reviewed by Karen and Sherry. Summer playground ran well without any problems. Youth nights were well attended. Three concerts were held at Allyn Brook, (Phase II, Shoreline Connection, and Heartland).

There is money left for 1 more concert, may do something in the late fall or early spring. Sports Camps were down in enrollment this year. Sherry thought it could be because of more choices available. Track had only half the enrollment of previous years and softball ran with only 10 girls signed up, Volleyball clinic was cancelled as only 1 person signed up. Karen noted that the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony went well and plans to sponsor it again next year.

**New Business:**

It was noted that there were two openings on the Rec. Committee that will be filled by Cheryl and Joan.

The Fall Flyer was completed and mailed out. Sherry had a hard time getting gym time for Women's and Co-ed volleyball so she divided the dates between the two groups and will evaluate interest. Registration forms for youth basketball now available on-line. The Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday 10/28 at 11am. In a motion made by Karen Kean, seconded by Joan Bowe and with a unanimous vote it was decided that 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded in various categories and there will be 1 ribbon awarded for best of show. Sherry will ask summer camp counselors to be judges.

Meeting dates for 2006-2007 were reviewed and the time of spring meetings was changed to 7:30pm. The location of future meetings was discussed and it was decided to continue meeting at the Durham Library for now.

Karen requested an assistant co-chair and nominated Kate McLaughlin for this role. In an election of officers Karen made a motion to name Kate assistant co-chair. The motion was seconded by Linda Handley and all were in favor.

Joan inquired if the Rec. Committee could explore sponsoring various programs such as speakers on topics of interest, bus trips to plays or museums, etc. Sherry told the committee that any members interested could research bands or trips and bring their ideas back to the rest of the committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen Kean and seconded by Joan Bowe at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Figoras

cc: Laura Francis, Town Clerk

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