

**MINUTES**

**SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

The Suffield Parks & Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 230C Mountain Road, Conference Room

ATTENDANCE: .....Lou Casinghino, Chairman  
.....Cindy Nicholson, Vice chairman  
.....Leeayn Burke, Clerk  
.....Brian Casinghino  
.....Bill Clark  
.....Gerry Crane  
.....Kerri Milne  
.....Michael Roccanti  
.....David Rusnock

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: .....Wendy J. LaMontagne, Director

Lou opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**MINUTES:**

Cindy made a motion to accept the minutes. Brian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Wendy said that the annual report was submitted last month. Wendy completed the report and Lou reviewed it. Lou said that some of the new members will not see their names in the report because it is for last fiscal year.

Wendy said that Chris Koren, Assistant to the Selectmen, informed Wendy that there will be a booth at Suffield on the Green this coming weekend. If any commissioners want to man the booth either let Chris or Wendy know.

Wendy passed out the Fall Brochure. Wendy said that the brochure is on the digital backpack and paper copies have been sent to Spaulding for distribution and the Middle and McAlister Schools have them on the counters. They will also be on a table at the school open houses. Wendy complimented the staff on the nice job they did.

Brian asked about an adult softball league. Cindy said her husband belonged to one, 26 years ago, and he loved it. Lou reviewed the softball league that was in town years ago and that it had

disbanded. This is something to consider for the spring. Cindy and Brian said that they felt there was interest in this and Brian discussed the team that he played on at work.

**PROGRAM REPORTS:** No comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Soccer:** Wendy said that the program is underway. There has been a coaches meeting and clinic. Program information, paperwork and equipment were distributed. Wendy reviewed the clinic and said that it was very informative and the instructors really related to the coaches.

A referee clinic was held with 27 attending. A good number are returning referees with some new youth.

Dick's Sporting Goods hosted a shopping night with discount coupons for residents. There were 45 families which participated in this discount program and parents were appreciative.

The lights and priority of use were discussed and the subcommittees attempt to meet is on hold. Wendy reported that Tom Frenaye, Selectman and the Soccer Club are working on an agreement regarding the lights. Tom will keep Wendy, and Parks and Recreation in the loop on this matter. The new president of Suffield Travel Soccer Club, Raj Ghosh invited Wendy to meet with him, and discuss program philosophies and how coaching is important in both programs, how we can work together and that our program is a good feeder program for children to move up to travel soccer.

**Road Race:** Wendy said that as of today we have 134 runners pre-registered which is 10 more than last year. Wendy reminded the commission that the 5K starts at 8:15 a.m. and the 10K at 9:15 a.m. The weather looks great and we have a lot of volunteers this year so we should be all set. Wendy contacted a local church and the CCD program has several youth volunteering. Wendy reminded the commissioners who volunteered on what to bring and what time to arrive.

**Review of Committee Assignments:** Lou reviewed the sub-committees and who was assigned to which committee. The commission members indicated which committees they wanted to be on and Wendy will have Carol type up the changes and send the updated list to the members.

The commission discussed the subcommittees as to what they entail. Wendy will take any members out to review the fields and any other items that may need more detail as to what they entail. Lou reviewed the committee assignments:

Budget:	Lou, Kerri and Mike
Fields:	Bill, Mike, Lou and Dave
Long Range Planning:	Gerry, Leeayn, and Brian
Evaluations:	Brian, Dave and Cindy
Babbs:	Gerry, Bill and Cindy
Publicity:	Leeayn and Kerri

The long range planning and evaluations subcommittees were discussed in detail. Wendy recapped how the long range planning sub-committee came about, for the future planning of facilities and what the purpose of the committee is. Brian and Cindy discussed creating a structure for each sub-committee that will enable the sub-committee to cover its area of expertise; specifically the long range planning, program and evaluations sub-committees. Cindy suggested that we put this on next month's agenda to allow the commission to have time to review the suggestions and come up with ideas.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Gerry said that he will be meeting with Tom Frenaye, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, to bring him up to speed on the project at Babb's and to see where the Town is on this project as the CRC is out of money and grants have stopped.

Leeayn asked if gift certificates were going to be sold at Suffield on the Green. The commission discussed gift certificates and the different ways they could be applied to programs – for specific programs or for cash amounts. Wendy said that if we do this it will be customized to what the customer wants.

Mike made a motion to adjourn and Gerry seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeayn Burke, Clerk