

North Hampton Recreation Commission Meeting

In attendance: Joe Manzi, Jane Morse, Dale Rocheford, Marty Levitian, Danielle Strater

Call to order at 6:30

Comments from Citizens: none

Winter Fest Recap:

Opening night was cancelled due to lack of poor advanced sales. Likely reasons were cost of tickets, proximity to Valentine's Day, location and the online registration. We will reach out to PASA to provide easier sign-ups for everyone.

Breakfast was a big success with 2 scheduled times, 8:30 and 9:30. We had 35 advanced tickets sold and 19 walk-ins for a total of 54 with 378.00 in sales. We paid IHOP 100.00 and Dale contributed the 24.92 for the hash browns and Dunkin's donated the coffee and supplies.

Children's carnival games, Artastic studio and face painting were held between 10-12 and we had great attendance. The Girl Scouts ran the games and sold their cookies as well. The games purchased cost 154.16 and will be used for future events. The face painter cost 300.00

Skating event was held with Officer Kyle, was well attended and safety helmets were given out.

BJ Hickman performed at the library to a very well attended crowd.

In spite of heavy rain the day before, the Dearborn Park sledding was a hit, along with the food truck, bonfire, donuts and hot chocolate from the Police and Fire Depts. Glow necklaces were given out and it was a well attended event. Fireworks were held at 6:15 and had great reviews. Optima Bank contributed to the fireworks and 39.96 for the necklaces.

It was decided to hold next year's Winter Fest one week later to maximize potential attendance. Also discussed was the possibility of using local art students from Winnacunnet or North Hampton. Perhaps limiting face painting to more simpler designs to speed up the process and limit wait times. Discussed also was complimentary breakfasts to the police and fire departments. A decision ahead of time should be determined. We will thinking about other possible events to add to the weekend.

Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for 3/30 Saturday at the school at 10 AM and a notice is posted online. Marty will be checking for candy donations from Lindt Chocolatiers while Dale will check on the plastic eggs. Goodie bags will be purchased from the Dollar Store. Some prizes such as coupons from the Beach Plum or King Kone may be placed inside the gold prize eggs.

The Memorial Day barbecue will be held directly after the parade at the fire station.

Od Home Day was briefly discussed and will be held the second Saturday in August.

Update on 7th and 8th grade Washington DC trip which will happen from 4/12 to 4/15. There are 39 kids and 4 adults. It was hoped there would be a tour of the Capitol building, so contacts are ongoing to see if that will happen. There will need to be a parent meeting late March

Ski program update:

There are 2 dates left on 3/8 and 3/15. The bus fee is 30.00 .

Mission Statement: Joe created a mission statement for the recreation commission as follows: It is the mission of the North Hampton Parks and Recreation Commission to provide a variety of healthy and enjoyable activities to the people of North Hampton.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. Next meeting will be 3/20 at 6:00 North Hampton
Town Hall