

NORTH MANCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

June 26, 2019

MINUTES

The North Manchester Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session at the Strauss-Peabody Aquatic and Fitness Center Conference Room. Members present: Rick Espeset (22), Becky Kreps (22) and Raju Shah (23). Also present were Jennifer Hotchkiss (Director), Linda Miller (Assistant Director), Carrie Mugford (Clerk-Treasurer), Heidi Slavkin (MRA Board), Jay Fawley (MRA Board), Brian Enyeart (MRA Coach), Zach and Jennifer Renz (MRA Coaches), Heath Medsger (MRA Coach), Krystal Presl (MRA Coach), and Greg Carter (MRA Board).

CALL TO ORDER

Rick Espeset called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Rick explained to the visitors that there will be one time on the agenda for them to make comments and to please stand, state their name and address. They will have approximately 3 minutes for comments or questions. We do ask that commenters refrain from personal attacks in their comments. You can expect the board to have a response to your statement or an answer to your question at next month's meeting. Further down on the agenda, you will see MRA listed under New Business. This will be a time in the meeting for the board to discuss the MRA and not a time for dialogue between the public and board members.

Several coaches addressed the board with concerns and frustrations with the MRA. They cited lack of communication, scheduling problems, lack of rulebooks, inconsistent umpire calls and last minute game changes. Since the Park Board leases the land to them, will they oversee the MRA Board if it's not being run efficiently? If not, who is responsible for making sure they are held accountable? They also reported a rumor that the MRA Board is dissolving and the Park Board is taking over. The Park Board had no prior knowledge of this information. They suggested the coaches take their concerns and frustrations to the next MRA meeting being held right after the Park Board meeting. Heidi Slavkin explained that the MRA Board is self-governing. They currently have 6 members (Heidi Slavkin, Jay Fawley, Jeff Perry, Greg Carter, Tommy Riggs and Jack Vineyard). Laura Rager resigned this week. By-laws state they can have up to 10 members total, which includes a Park and Recreation Board liaison. She also stated that the MRA has not had a Director for the past two years which allowed them to save money and to make repairs and upgrades. Board members then had to help more. Currently it is Heidi and Jay doing most of it as volunteers.

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Minutes from the May 29, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion for approval as presented (RS/BK) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Report, which will now include any building updates, was reviewed. (Copy attached)

DIRECTOR REPORT

The Director Report was reviewed. (Copy attached).

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENTS

Claims and Allowance Docket

The June Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$49,514.38 was reviewed. Motion to approve the June Claims and Allowance Docket in the amount of \$49,514.38 (BK/RS) was passed by a voice vote of members present.

Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports

The June Claims Summary, Utility Comparison Report, May Expense Report and May Revenue Report were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Life Center Basketball Court

Jennifer informed the board that she has not yet received a call from Gaunt & Sons. This is not surprising due to the weather.

NEW BUSINESS

MRA

Jennifer informed the board that she will email a copy of the most recent by-laws to them. The by-laws state that the Park Board shall receive an Income and Expense Report each month. The last report received was in 2013. From this point on, Heidi will leave a copy of the financials on Jennifer’s desk after the meeting each month. Jack will then give a monthly verbal report to the Park Board. Heidi states that the MRA has been doing okay financially for the past two years. The Park Board suggested it may be helpful for them to fill the remaining board positions and to seriously consider some of their toughest critics as board members. Maybe have an application to fill out and advertise a little more by opening it up to a wider group of people. As far as accountability, the board will rely on the information that Jack will be reporting to them.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mel Sautter, President

Jack Vineyard, Vice President

Becky Kreps, Member

Raju Shah, Member

Rick Espeset, Member