

**Recreation Commission Agenda**  
**September 19, 2017**  
**Whitney Hall Conference Room**

**Individuals present:** Dave Isom, Bill Considine, Jim Taylor (as DPW representative to talk on the playground)

**Absent members:** Cindy Wells and Keli Green

Meeting started at 5:57PM

Meeting ended at 7:15PM

- 1) Huse Park Playground Update
  - Waiting on an estimate for repair from MTD's
  - Called several other contractors, but MTD's was the only that got back and came out to take a look
    - Consider "Purchasing Policy" and whether we need to get additional bids for comparison
    - Basketball court improvements
      - Consider other surfaces? What companies might be available?
        1. Black top as the sub surface and have some sort of other material on the surface?
        2. Click together boards; or homemade boards (2-3 feet high that could also work for seating)
- 2) Fall/Winter Programs and Activities
  - Halloween Party (October 31 from 5-7pm)
  - Dave can be there 4:30 (meet at park first)
    - Attachment for a compressor so we can blow up the air decorations; Bike pump
    - Puddy to hang up decorations
    - Library (Patti) will attend for story time
  - Ski & Ride at Whaleback
    - Tuesdays (afterschool)
- 3) Recreation Brochure
  - Available online
    - Put a notice on Listserve that the brochure is available
  - Hope to have printed copies by first week of October
- 4) RecDesk – Online Registration and Recreation Management Software
  - Reviewing other options for next year (amilia, Cogran and CivicRec)
  - Would prefer to stick with RecDesk for at least one year
  - RecDesk will give an overview on Friday for Dave
    - 2pm with Maureen
- 5) Other business

- Present TIF Committee with estimate for new playground, basketball court, and other Huse Park updates
- Senior Programs and ideas
  - Brainstorm and re-visit at October meeting
  - Tech-help programs
- Farmer's Market
  - Continue or end?
  - Evolve the event or combine with other events
  - CMAA attends
- Pursuing grant opportunities for Huse Park updates and improvements
- Budget Season
  - Capital project request – anything non-recurring over \$5,000
    - Basketball court; pavilion update
    - Submit a project request and mention that it could be done at the same time as the repaving of the parking lot (due next week)
    - Do the basketball court at the same time the Community Building parking lot is re-paved
    - Center draining so that it can be plugged for an ice rink in the winter
    - Present to TIF committee to request the basketball court repaving funding
    - Would business owners or home owners in the area be able to have some paving done at the same time?

6) Budget for Huse Park pavilion updates and fitness equipment

- Try and work these items into our budget
- Add into 2017-2018, bathroom facilities at the park (porta-potties year round)
- New signs at beach and Shaker Rec?
- New tree at Huse Park?

**CIP request forms:**

Basketball Court – estimate higher than needed

Add in some extras (i.e. landscaping or benches, extra hoops, etc.)

Multi-season use – warming areas, hibachi/warming stations, warming hut, shade in the summer

Ice-rink boards

## New Program Ideas:

### Senior specific programming-

1. A book club - maybe Melissa (librarian) would find a 'senior'-ish book and conduct the first meeting or so.
2. A cooking class - maybe a local or volunteer chef would do something like "cooking for 1" or "creative leftovers"
3. Guest Speakers - we have many interesting people in town who could speak about - a trip they took with a slide show, an 'expert' speaking about bears, or owls,... maybe a visit from VINS, a local historical presentation, etc.
4. A 'demonstration' of some sort... maybe a Do-it-yourself project of some sort.
5. Flower arranging (maybe Joanna from Safflowers would come by with some tips for how to make a nice cut-flower display.)
6. A computer demo (maybe in a school lab or something) - maybe a photo/computer lesson - how to store photos, crop them, make a computer collage, etc... How to email, or setting up a facebook to communicate with grandchildren, etc...
7. Seasonal Crafts... pumpkin carving, making a Christmas ornament, etc...
8. Once the group is up and running, maybe the attendees would have other suggestions.