

Park and Rec Minutes
Jan 22, 2018

Present: Thom Harnett, Tony LapLante, Jack Fles, Jay Semanski, Robert Abbey, Jeannine Lhureux
Scott Williams, Rus Baaer, Cindy Reiter

I. Structure of Park and Rec Committee

- Mayor Harnett and Tony are members and liaisons to City Council
- no maximum number of lay members,
- City Website –
- Minutes and agenda can be found - Google “Park Rec Gardiner, Maine.”
- Jack Fles elected to Chairman; Scott Williams elected to secretary, vote is unanimous
- *Purpose of park and rec committee is for its members is to be familiar with the green spaces of Gardiner, suggest needed up keep to city council, to review and make recommendations of new green space projects to city council. Current Green spaces: City Common, Waterfront, Steamboat trail, 2 Mini Parks Downtown, Harrison Ave Trail, Cobbosee Creek trail,*

II. The Recreation side of Park and Rec

- Gardiner does not have a recreation department
- Sport activities managed by various citizens, boys and Girls Club, and the schools
- Welcome to Gardiner booklet contains all sport/recreation contacts

Motion that Tony Laplante create link to Gardiner sports sites, proposed by Jack Fles, seconded by Thom Hartnett, vote unanimous

III. Interfacing with Gardiner Greenscape

- Greenscape is an active volunteer group keeping our city beautiful and functional
- PR will plan, support and work together with Greenscape
- Jack will meet with Robert to list out projects, timeline and assignments for consideration at next meeting

IV. Old Business:

- Gazebo Plaque will be installed in the spring
- Waterfront usage regulations- needs to be reviewed, fees, on future agenda
- Banner Poles for hanging signs on the common are in place
- Tobacco signs- 2 No smoking signs posted - problem continues – can we do more?
- Waste Cans – the more cans are available, the more they are abused by neighbors – seems that “less is more”

V. New Business:

- Dog Park Proposal – a group of dedicated volunteers has been working to establish a dog park.
- Patrick and Russ explain Barks in the Park, Dog Park Committee, connection with Parks and Rec, identify city owned property for park,
- Jack will invite Dog Park Committee will be invited to present at our next meeting

- Football Club- Cindy Reiter presented written proposal to promote the existing “Gardiner Fire Football Club” youth ages 6-13
- Requesting support of PR and City Council, playing field is needed, contractors available,
- Tony suggested Police Union property as possibility
- GFFC will be added to agenda, Cindy wishes to join PR and will apply to council.

VI. Boys and Girls club representative

- Jack will ask Dale Staples to join PR as BGC liason to sport and recreation activities

VI. Meeting Schedule

- Monday’s difficult because of three day weekend holidays
- Tony will see if we can get on city calendar for the 1st Tuesday of every month.

VII. Adjourned 6:35 pm

VIII. Next Meeting:

- Tuesday Feb. 6, 2018, 5:30-6:30 pm Council chambers
- Tony has us scheduled for the next 12 month. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott Williams, secretary
 Formatted by Jack Fles