

South Hadley Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2016
Recreation Department Office – Town Hall

Presented by Recreation Director Andrew Rogers

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 5:12pm. MD, AT, PD, AR, BJ, BC.
Excused: AF, JG.
2. **Minutes of November 10, 2015:** Approved as read. BJ/MD. 4-0.
3. **Bills Payable:** Approved as presented. AT/MD. 4-0.
4. **Correspondence Sent/Received:** Of note, Dicks Sporting Goods has renewed their sponsorship of baseball, softball, lacrosse, football, soccer and basketball if we agree to promote their “Shop Days” where people can save 20% off their purchase. There was a coach that had a complaint about a player’s body odor; however, AR instructed him there is little he can do about it after consulting with the HR department. AR discussed that the Granby Athletic Association may attempt to continue to partner with us for some additional programs and AR might meet with them in the future. Lastly, there were complaints from the custodial staff at SHHS about how late we were playing on Friday night and their desire to get additional compensation. AR agreed to pay up to six hours of overtime if they go past 9pm on Saturday night.
5. **Meetings:** AR gave a review of his meetings from the previous two months. Of note were a few meetings with school principals about building use issues that have come up with our programs over the previous few months (hoops being left down, cleanliness and working with other activities).
6. **Schedule of Events:** The various programming options were discussed.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. SHHS – Turf Field: There was discussion about the final proposed design that was going to bid. MD asked a question about the slope of the field and how the design will work with the existing slope and if that causes any ADA concerns. BC said that the lacrosse penalty box appears to be on the wrong side based on current practice. A motion was made to accept the plan as presented provided the questions were addressed. MD/PD. 5-0.
 - b. Gym Usage – non –basketball programs: AR gave an update on his discussion with the school/parents about teams looking for soccer practices over the winter months.
 - c. Red Sox Trips: We will offer one trip this year to Fenway Park and will look into a summer trip to Baltimore. We will only offer that trip if the pricing works out to a level where AR feels the trip can sell out.
8. **New Business:**

- a. Ledges Golf Course/Recreation Department: Andy Rogers has been appointed General Manager of the Ledges Golf Course moving forward. The details are still being worked out as this is a recent change based on some issues at the course.
- b. Blue Sombrero: AR has been working with Blue Sombrero which will now host our online registrations and database for our programs. This is a much more cost effective tool for us as it is associated with Dicks Sporting Goods. We will get a 10% payment for anything purchased through the online store which will feature South Hadley logos on name brand merchandise. We hope to launch this program later this spring.
- c. Easter Egg Hunt/Hat Parade: This year's event will be Saturday, March 26 at 10am which is an hour earlier than past years. Danielle has been working hard getting this going and ordered 1,000 additional eggs from the past few years. If anyone wants to help with setup, this will be held at 8:30pm.
- d. CYO Basketball Policy: This item was tabled until a future meeting.
- e. Falls Fest 2016 Update: Falls Fest will not be held in 2016 for a variety of reasons, namely some major changes with the volunteers that run this activity. If anybody is interested, they should contact committee chair Ira Brezinsky to help run the 2017 event.

9. Adjournment: PD/MD. 5-0.

Next meeting: TBA.