

Members present:

Karen Stockwell

Jim Fitzgerald

Jenn Marston

Cathy Lines

Absent: Krista Nielson was unable to attend as was Kristen Menard

Krista had told Cathy that she reached out to Paul Perkins and he would be willing to yolk rake the beach and the ballfield

Karen brought up the condition of the ballfield, sticks behind the dugouts, she wondered when does this become a liability, we want people to come and use the field for family games etc.

Jenn, as a frequent visitor with her kids to the beach, brought up that one day three dogs with their owners were on the beach and in the swim area. I too have witnessed a person on the beach with their dog. She did not approach as she knows this has been a topic of discussion. For over 40 years the signs have been there and support was given by the selectmen to enforce this rule. There is a reason that dogs are not allowed at state parks and beaches. Why isn't that reason good enough for us too? Cathy researched the park departments for Laconia, Belmont and Gilford; they too do not allow dogs. If the reason is no ordinance to enforce it, then why don't we have one. We are not a dog park, and if several dogs are there at the same time, then we fear that someone could get hurt or families will not come. To keep the health of the beach, the water and for the safety of beachgoers, this needs to be addressed. Cathy will bring this forward to Krista.

The committee then discussed the park clean up which was not well attended. Karen, Cathay and Jenn with her kids attended. Karen thanked Jim for coming with tarps, truck and willing young workers to help rake, pile and remove the leaves from the roadside and in the park. It looks great. Makes a good first impression.

The corner buoys were placed and anchored by Cathy. The swans were placed to the left of the swim area. The deep water buoy line was attached to keep the boat traffic out of the area. The side lines were not placed as hopefully Paul Perkins is coming to yolk rake and the anchors for those lines could damage or be in the way of the yolk rake.

The committee then discussed the information that Jenn and Cathy brought forth for the summer activities.

Jenn spoke with 12 food trucks. They are already scheduled for their summer. We need to start sooner, during the winter months. They do have concerns such as the number of people to make it profitable for them. They want an assurance of monies.

Cathy has two musicians Jeff Lines and Carleton Page that have pledged to do a night and Jim said that the Reifsnyder family would like to come again. We will ask them to choose a night that is convenient for them. Cathy will inquire if the Scouts are interested in doing/ selling food items. If they are unwilling perhaps we can do hot dogs or an ice cream night.

We discussed ideas to build on the music in the park nights. Like family yard games, pie eating contests, relay races, corn hole, foam machine, and a new idea families signing up to come camp out for the night. 20-30 families for bonfire on the beach, sing along, storytelling, star gazing. Cathy will ask Krista if this would be allowed. Carleton Page would be great for this night.

Once we have these answers and dates we will meet again so that a flyer can be prepared for the town website and to post in the post offices etc.

Thank you for coming and the good discussion.

Submitted by

Cathy Lines Chair