

St. Ignace Area Recreation Advisory Committee
9/13/2023 @ 6:30PM

1. Call to Order by B. Sorenson at 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - a. Ed Paquin X
 - b. Emily Fullerton X
 - c. Robert St. Louis X
 - d. Willie LaLonde
 - e. Carol Halberg X
 - f. Mandy Bowlby X
 - g. Austin Kimberling X
 - h. Quincy Ranville X
 - i. Kathleen Lee
 - j. Bridgett Sorenson X
 - k. Scott Marshall X
 - l. Cathy Lamb X
4. Corrections, Deletions, or Additions to the Agenda (Board and Staff Only)
5. Old Business
 - a. Insurance Claims for Barn Damage
 - i. Fixed Barn Damage and Door Replacement will be done by Maintenance at LBE (M. Page)
 - b. Heating/Cooling System Repair Replacement
 - i. Pump Replaced
 - c. Fitness Center Accident Repair
 - i. Repaired by 2x4 Construction– Looks Great
 - d. Fitness Center Door System
 - i. Going Live on Friday September 15th
 - e. Arena Entry Door Replacement
 - i. Ordered
6. New Business
 - a. Completed Tasks / Events
 - i. Soccer Season – Great Success: 3 Age Levels, with 8 teams, and approx. 75 participants – Lacked Coaching, hopefully encourage more coaching for next season. Had positive reception to having the fields based at Little Bear East.
 - ii. Tennis Season – Great Season – 16 participants all together in 2 age groups. LBE Staff Instructed (P. Ferguson) – Need to work on Tennis Court conditions: Looking for Grants
 - iii. Flag Football Season – Started and Completed – 4 teams with approx. 60 participants – Good Coach Reception, looking to grow numbers and teams next year. Positive reception to playing fields at Little Bear East.
 - iv. Travel Flag Football Team – Started Season and will end beginning of October – Pickford Athletic Director Organized.

- v. Sideline Cheerleading – Started and completed, went over very well. Will look to do again next year.
 - vi. Adult CO-ED Softball – Happened during August on Wednesday's – With hope to increase it next year to a league.
 - vii. Indoor Pickleball – Still Going on, Slow start – E. Fullerton stated that we should define "Drop-In Hours" the hours. Drop-In hours will be defined next week. Pickleball League next year was talked about. Lots of interest into a growing program.
 - viii. Girl Scouts Recruitment Night – Girl Scouts had an amazing time with their activities which included paddleboarding, archery, and orienteering. Will look to do future activities with them.
 - ix. St. Ignace Hockey Association Registration Open House – New registrations, and excitement for the rebuilding of the Association.
 - x. Champion Force Cheerleading Practice Site Contract – We are the host site, and Season duration is September 28, 2023 to June 6, 2024. Increased their fees for rental of the facility.
 - xi. Facebook – Lots of positive feedback, and everyone loves that Little Bear is keeping them informed.
 - xii. Plethora of Events and Reservations to include:
 - 1. Several Corporate Rentals
 - 2. Historical Society Fundraiser
 - 3. Minis on the Mac
 - 4. Parked Cars for Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Walk
 - 5. MMRMA Seminars – Active Shooter Training
 - 6. Birthday Party – NERF or Nothing Battle
 - xiii. Olympia and Chiller serviced – Ready for Hockey Season
 - xiv. *Note* - M. Bowlby asking about Recreation Sport T-Shirts and Baseball/Softball Jerseys – Coming into the summer season more than halfway through, there was not enough time for ordering of new shirts. Participants who registered for Summer Sports did receive "throwback" Little Bear Recreation Shirts. C. Lamb noted that when cleaning of the facility was underway, she found extra recreation shirts and decided to use those so children participating would receive a shirt. While making use of past years inventory revenue was conserved during this current season.
 - xv. *Note* - Talking about the Hockey Season and Ice. Idea of putting on a clinic for Score Keeping and Announcing.
- b. Upcoming Tasks / Events
- i. Indoor Walking – Lots of Interest, reaching out to MSHS about "Walk for the Health of it".
 - ii. Celebration of Life Ceremony
 - iii. Prepping for Hockey Season
 - 1. Ice Down September 25th
 - 2. Training for Staff for Olympia Driving/Ice Resurfacing
 - 3. Training for Skate Sharpening
 - iv. Fab Friday's – Ice Skating and sponsored the roller-skating ones.

- v. Contracts for Ad Boards/Dasher Boards – Looking forward to redoing these and being able to redo the contracts.
- vi. Kids Tumbling/Exercising – Mid Day Project for Toddlers and Young Kids
- vii. Prep for Wellness Coalition Senior Health Expo
- viii. Fall Fest
- ix. Christmas Community Celebration
- x. LBE Craft Show – Oct - \$30 for Booth – Annual Event Hopefully
- xi. Truck Show
- xii. Trek the Mighty Yoop
- xiii. NHS to develop Tutor Program / Student Night “Exam Slam!”
- xiv. Make and Take Holiday Craft Nights
- xv. Family Fun Game Nights / Movie Nights
- xvi. Youth Volunteer Group – Teaching kids the value of doing something for nothing
- xvii. Evergreen Living Center “Adopt a Grandparent” Day – C. Lamb discussed with Lani Fettig about this.
- xviii. Prep for Home Show / Spring Recreation Sports
- xix. Organize Basic Cardiac Life Support / AED Training for LBE Staff and other City Staff
- xx. Electronic Recycling Program – October 5th – Any kind of electronic 10AM – 3PM Pay by Donation – Ad in Paper and Downtown Sign
- xxi. Battery Recycling
- xxii. Story book pedestal – Mini Library
- xxiii. A. Kimberling motioned to approve the minutes, C. Halberg Seconded, Motion Passed.

7. Public Comment

- a. Moving Meeting to LBE – Next Meeting at Little Bear
 - b. During Flag Football Season glass shards were continuously found on the field, even with LBE Staff monitoring daily. There was discussion involving E. Fullerton, S. Marshall, and E. Paquin about how to solve this problem. Mentions of getting a grant to finish off the softball/baseball fields at LBE.
 - c. Community Foundation Due date is in a month – Get Grant for new grass seed/top soil for next spring.
8. Next Meeting Date: November 8th, 2023 @ 5PM at Little Bear
9. Motion to Adjourn by: Austin Kimberling at 7:30 PM