

**EJRP Recreation and Parks Advisory Council Meeting
Maple Street Park
Essex Junction, VT**

Thursday, December 13, 2012

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Abby Rice, Nan Payson, Andrew Cimonetti, Eric Bowker, Lee Wiebe, Sharon Downs

Staff Present: Mark Brislin, Brad Luck

Also Present: Christina McLaughlin (EJRP Preschool Coordinator), Kelly March (Essex Reporter)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 25 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Director's Report: A director's report was not presented at this meeting.

Recent Events

- Pumpkin Fest, Halloween Hustle, and Community Bon Fire all went well. Unfortunately, the Halloween Celebration had to be cancelled due to weather.
- The winter brochure was sent out. Nicole did a great job with her first brochure for EJRP.
- December 29, Aspire is Giving Back. In exchange for bringing a non-perishable food item or monetary donation that will go to the Heavenly Cents Food Pantry, you may attend a class for free (a new item is required for each class attended).
- January 5, Aspire is hosting an Open House – several mini classes offered for free.
- January 5, Family Fun Night at EHS from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- February 9, EJRP and EHS Red Cross Club are hosting the 4th Annual Essex Has Talent competition.
- March 2, EJRP and Essex Parks and Recreation co-produce the 12th Annual Winter Carnival to be held this year at ADL Middle School from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- The winter brochure was sent out. It was Nicole's first brochure and she did a great job.

Parks and Facilities

- Over the next six months, Brad and Christina will be keeping an eye out for a more permanent space for the preschool, including Park Street.

Staff

- Christina McLaughlin (EJRP Preschool Coordinator) gave an impressive and thorough update of the preschool program.

General

- Security Camera Discussion

After having a brief discussion at this meeting and having had several previous discussions regarding the subject of security cameras in the park, a motion was made to recommend not moving forward with the security cameras. The motion passed five in favor and one opposed.

A motion was also made to recommend investigating an updated lighting plan for the park. The motion passed with all in favor.

Next meeting is set for Thursday, January 24 @ 6:30 pm.

Note: A different EJP staff member will join us at future meetings through June 2013.
This will be a great way to get to know each other.

2013 Meeting Dates: 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 5/30, 6/27.

Sharon Downs - Secretary of RAC