

Sharon Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2025, 6:00 PM

Sharon Elementary School

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/ogo-vxuh-csa>

Draft Minutes

Present: Diana Putney (Chair), Ashley McShinsky, Nic Antal, Steve Gagliardone, Fred Small, Bennett Zapletal, Angie Carpenter

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

2. Public Comments

Steve Gagliardone - Recreation Director Position Proposal

- Expressed interest in forming a subcommittee to approach the Select Board about funding a paid recreation director position
- Proposed expanding recreation beyond youth sports to include community-based programs (hiking, ice rink, adult programs, etc.)
- Referenced successful models in Norwich and Bethel
- Suggested exploring grant opportunities and incorporating ice skating/sprouty programs under rec umbrella

Ice Skating Rink Integration

- Steve requested process for bringing ice skating rink under rec committee umbrella for liability insurance
- Currently operates with one annual fundraiser and \$300 donation to fire department
- **Action Item:** Nic will contact town administrator about ice rink incorporation process under the rec committee

3. Existing Business

3.1 Baseball - Tournament, Season, etc.

Tournament Hosting

- Sharon hosting majors tournament June 7-8
- Additional tournaments: June 21-22 (state), June 28-29
- **Motion:** Diana made a motion to approve fundraiser expenses for tournament concessions (amount TBD). **Second:** Ashley seconded.
Motion Carried

Concession Stand Operations

- PTO members present (Nic and Angie) to assist with volunteer coordination and supplies
- Plan to operate snack shack all tournament weekends
- Equipment available: griddle, coffee urns, cash box, Square reader from PTO
- **Action Items:**
 - Nic to create Google Sheet with volunteer time slots and donation requests by 3 PM May 30
 - Email baseball community for volunteers and donations (Diana)
 - Shop for supplies by Tuesday, June 3 once community has had a chance to sign up for donations
 - Coordinate with local businesses (Maple Fields) for donations (Pizza): Nic will email

Field Maintenance & Supplies

- Paint and chalk supplies coordinated
- Porta-potties available through June
- **Action Item:** Fred to arrange extra cleaning during tournament weekend

3.2 Soccer - Sign ups need to be sent out soon

- Signups to go out before end of school year
- **Action Items:**
 - Diana to work on registration form. Nic will review the draft
 - Add address and phone number fields for league requirements later during the year (do it on all forms)
 - Include PTO scholarship checkbox on form
 - Contact other towns for scheduling coordination

3.3 Budget Update/Financial Report

- Current rec account balance: \$7,867.21
- Annual budget: revenue typically exceeds expenses
- Funds remain in rec account and don't revert to general fund

4. Ongoing Business

4.1 Sharon Recreation Committee future/going forward

- Discussion of expanding committee membership and roles
- Committee structure and responsibilities reviewed

4.2 Future Projects/Initiatives

Old Home Day Participation

- Rec committee participation in August parade reminded by Nic
- No commitment made

Sharon Music Festival (July 12)

- Opportunity for cornhole tournament/community event presented
- **Decision:** Tabled due to scheduling conflicts with summer, but also a lot to take on for now as a newly formed group

5. Elect Members and Distribute Roles

Committee Membership & Elections

- **Action Item:** Diana to present names to Select Board for official appointment:
 - Nic Antal
 - Bennett Zapletal
 - Additional members to be recruited

6. Open Forum

- No additional items raised

7. Confirm and Set Up Next Meeting

Meeting Schedule

- **Decision:** Regular meetings set for last Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at school
- **Next meeting:** June 26, 2025, 6:30 PM

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.