

# Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 10-8-25

**Attending:** members Dan Post, Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, and Stefan Topolski, and guests Greg Krause, and Kate Krieger and Shannon Beaton from the Community Health Center of Franklin County (CHCFC)

1--- Call to order

- \* Dan appointed secretary pro-tem.
- \* Minutes for September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting approved.

2--- Updates/reports/program check-ins

- \* Clothes Closet – will hold a 10-year celebration on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-12 noon.
- \* Cowell Director position – Terry has advertised the opening but has not received any applications.
- \* Cowell Youth Winter Program – will tentatively run from 5:30 to 7 pm Monday through Friday starting after Thanksgiving. Norman reported back on his conversation with Fred Redeker who runs the basketball program at BSE for grades 3-6. He learned that like our program the focus is on building skills, and while they do have games on the weekend, weekend participation is not required. He also confirmed that children can join at any time. Fred would be delighted to have use of the Cowell for two to three nights a week. We agree to have Fred's program sponsored a part of the Cowell Youth Winter Program. Norman will work out the details with Fred. On the other nights we'll offer basketball for grades K-1 or 1-2, and a non-basketball activity to be determined.
- \* Ethics compliance – Dan and Stefan still working on this.
- \* Outdoor court renewal – we discussed improvements to the outdoor courts. We're still evaluating bids to see which will fit our budget.
- \* Senior Center – contacted us to see if they could use the gym for their Heart and Soles Walkers program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 10 from December 1<sup>st</sup> through February 27<sup>th</sup>. They offered to pay \$300 for the winter season plus donations from the walkers. The Committee approved their request.
- \* Volleyball – is underway Fridays from 7-9 pm, using a newly acquired full-size net. Six new local players have attended.

3--- Ongoing/new business

\* CHCFC Mobile Health Vehicle – guests Kate Krieger and Shannon Beaton of the Community Health Center of Franklin County asked if it would be possible to park their mobile clinic van in the Cowell Gym parking lot where they would be seeing patients for medical and dental care possibly beginning in November. They would be scheduling one Wednesday per month initially, with the plan to increase to more days in the future. The rec. committee agreed to this plan, grateful for the opportunity for townspeople to access these services. Norm will contact the Food Pantry to let them know that this will be happening, and will confirm with Kate the start date.

\* Rental rates and rentals – we decided to raise the rental fee for use of the gym to \$75 for the initial 2-hour period, and \$35 for each additional hour.

\* Committee membership – we have a one-year open seat.

\* Questions for pickleball – we have a long discussion about pickleball and how it aligns or doesn't align with other programs sponsored by the rec. committee. It's decided Dan will put together a list of questions for pickleball in consultation with Norman. The hope is to share the questions with Mary Lou and invite her to the next meeting. Norman in consultation with Dan will make the final decision on whether to invite Mary Lou to the next meeting or to wait for a later meeting.

\* Other uses of ping pong room – possibly shuffleboard

\* Request for future agenda items – discuss improving committee processes

4--- Any other business that is time sensitive and not on the agenda – Diana heard the Christmas decorations contact person was upset about their decorations being moved. Norman will reach out to Tom Williams, Emergency Management Director, to see if he's spoken to this person. Tom rearranged storage in the basement (for the better) in September.

5--- Next meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm