TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2016

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Large Conference Room.

Attending Board Members: Jess Gould, Renee Woliver, Ben Underhill, Ricky Davidson, Bethany Ranquest and Bill Willson.

Attending Staff members: Director, Carol Lolatte and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

Agenda Adjustment: None

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes with minor spelling changes was made by Bill Willson and seconded by Ben Underhill by a vote of 5-0 the October minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: The ACT 250 amendment and Storm Water discharge permit have been approved. The Skatepark Committee has kicked off a large fundraising campaign thru gofundme. The Dog Park committee plans to begin construction in the spring.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The Softball seating area is almost complete, both tiers of sitting stones are in place and the decorative bolders are being moved into place.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT: (New Report Oct 17 – Nov 14)

- Open Gym and Game Room are being well attended.
- Parent/Tot Open Gym starts Monday November 14th.
- Adult League Basketball start games the week of November 28th.
    - Men's League has 20 teams.
    - Women's League has 5 teams.
- Horribles Parade had over 180 participants, the parade was led by the BUHS Band members and Officer Kerlow, and Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald also joined in the parade this year.
- The Annual Phil & Mary Dunham Ski, Skate Sale offered over 500 items for sale and grossed over $6000.00 in sales.
- Santa Clause will make his annual stop on December 3rd at 1:00pm in the Senior Center.

- Youth Basketball has over 170 participants, practices and games will be starting over the next few weeks.
- Gymnastics has 12 classes running with 72 participants and 26 Team & Pre-Team participants.
- Adult programing:
    - 27 Zumba drop-in's and 1 punch pass holder.
    - 10 Badminton drop-in's and 1 punch pass holder.
    - 2 Volleyball drop-in's (getting a slow start but numbers should start to increase over the next few weeks)
    - 15 Table Tennis drop-in's and 4 punch pass holders.
- Nelson Withington Skating Facility attendance:
    - 180 Dollar day attendees.
    - 564 Resident student visits.
    - 117 Resident adult visits.
    - 94 Non-resident student visits.
    - 21 Non-resident adult visits.
    - 21 Stick Time visits.
    - 405 Skate Rentals.
    - 6 Speed skaters.
- The holiday flyer is at the printers and will be delivered to schools next week.
- The Senior Center took a van trip to Mass MOCA on October 24th, the trip was attend by 16 seniors.
- There is another van trip planned to Bright Lights in Springfield MA, on December 5th.

YOUTH LACROSSE: Carol was approached by the BUHS Athletic director and BAMS Athletic director about the possibility of moving the Rec 7th & 8th graders to the middle school for a lacrosse program. The Rec & Parks Department has been building a lacrosse program for children in grades 3-8 for several years. The Board discussed at length the positive and negatives of making this change to the current lacrosse program. Carol will continue to update the Board about any changes that will be made to this program.

SKI, SKATE SALE: The Annual Phil & Mary Dunham Ski Skate Sale was held on November 5th. Over 500 items were offered for sale and grossed over $6000.00 in sales. Carol offered thanks to all Board Members who volunteered to help over the three day event.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- The pool project will be completed in the spring, GS Bolton will return to complete the concrete work and painting as scheduled before the pool opens in June.

CAROL'S VACATION: Carol will be on vacation from December 21st – January 2nd.

FYI Update:

- There are several trees in town parks that need to be removed or have dead limbs removed. This tree work will be taking place over the next few weeks as the contractor can fit it into their schedule. (West Brattleboro Common, Plaza Park & the Small Fry Field)
- Carol is working with Dick DeGray to get the festive lights and decorations up in the parks around town.

ICE TIME: As reported at the last meeting the Figure Skaters Club has had to give up some of their ice time to keep the program running, Carol has filled some of the time slots and has reached out to other local groups to see if they have any interest in taking up the time.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Renee Woliver, 2nded by Ben Underhill at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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