

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2015**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Large Conference Room.

Attending Board Members: Ricky Davidson, Ben Underhill, Renee Woliver, Sam Rowley, Jessica Gould and Bill Willson.

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

Agenda Adjustment: Carol requested an adjustment to the Agenda, she asked the Board to add two items to the bottom of the Agenda. The two items added to the agenda as 6 f. Rink issues and item 6 g. Red Cross Shelter opening.

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the October 19, 2015 minutes with no changes was made by Renee Woliver and seconded by Jessica Gould by a vote of 5-0 the October minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: Member of the BASIC committee are currently working with the Planning Department and the State of Vermont on the Act 250 Amendment. After the Act 250 Amendment is completed both project can work towards completion independently. The next BASIC meeting is scheduled for December 1st. The BASIC committee is working on a You Caring Campaign to continue to raise funds.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: At the next meeting scheduled for November 30th the Committee will be reviewing preliminary design plans for the softball seating area. The playstructure has arrived, it will be stored for the winter and will be installed by maintenance staff in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Adult programing for the fall and winter started on October 19th, it has had a slow start but participation should increase with the time change and cooler weather.

- Youth Basketball registration was successful, the late fee motivated people to sign up early.
- The Horribles Parade had 150 participants.
- Santa is scheduled to visit the Senior Center on December 5th.
- Thanksgiving dinner in the Senior Center is scheduled for November 19th.

2016/2017 BUDGET: The budget has been submitted, the Selectboard meetings to review the submitted budget begin on November 10th. The submitted budget includes two capital projects, \$165,000.00 for phase one of the pool renovations and \$30,000.00 for phase two of the Gibson Aiken Center window project. Carol provided information to the Board regarding Non-Residents fees collected in the last year and how our rates compare to Recreation Departments from Keene, NH and Greenfield, MA.

SWIM TEAM: Carol recently attended a meeting with the Brattleboro Swim Team Board at their Board's request. The Board had some concerns about safety after an accident during the first swim meet held last summer, the issues of concern will be addressed prior to the pool opening in June. The Board also has a group of investors from Pennsylvania interested in presenting a proposal for an expansion/improvements to the pool. The Board discussed what this might mean for our pool and the Town. The Swim Team Board will continue discussion and provide more information as it becomes available.

ADVERTISING IN THE GYMNASTICS CENTER: Carol was approached by a local business owner about the possibility of advertising in the Gymnastics center. Carol recommended a 3x3 banner on the far wall of the center at the price of \$400.00 for 2 years, as additional incentive advertisers will be encouraged to pay in full and get an additional year of advertising for an additional \$100.00 total cost for 3 years would be \$500.00 if paid in full. Ben Underhill made a motion to support the advertising as suggested and Sam 2nded the motion and all Board Members voted in favor of the advertising in the Gymnastics center.

ANNUAL PHIL DUNHAM SKI & SKATE SALE: The sale this year was very successful, the volunteers were outstanding. 591 items were offered for sale and the sales total over \$7800.00.

SKATING RINK ISSUES: The 60hp compressor needs to be repaired, the initial diagnostics were for valves, springs, and gaskets, and however after a more in depth review it was determined that 5 of the 6 pistons need to be replaced along with a plate. The valves and gaskets can be returned for a partial credit and new parts are on order. The 100hp did have some mechanical issues on October 31st, the issue was repaired and the 100hp was up and running by November 3rd. On November 7th the Zamboni brokedown, but was repaired and running again by November 8th.

RED CROSS SHELTER: On November 7th, we had to open the Senior Center to act as a local Red Cross disaster relief shelter, during the time the shelter was open it served 45 people who were displaced due to a large fire on Valgar St, the shelter closed at 6:15pm on November 8th.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Sam Rowley, 2nded by Ben Underhill at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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