

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2012**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by Peggy DeAngelis at 6:00 p.m.

Attending was board members, Peggy DeAngelis, Renee Woliver, Sam Rowley, Betsy Gentile, Bonnie Carr, Bob Neubauer, Director Carol Lolatte, Assistant director Jessy Cudworth and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

Motion to approve minutes for August 13, 2013 meeting made by Sam Rowley, seconded by Renee Woliver and Bonnie Carr, minutes for August meeting we approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: Practice for fall sports started on 9/10/12. Notice that park was opening was given to the media. Radio host Tim Johnson gave out information hourly to help community awareness. Safety cones are being placed in road way as a way of helping identifying the park and helping to slow down traffic in the area. Opening day will be 9/22/12 our first games will be held on the fields, Carol will be at the field all day on 9/22/12. Board members were concerned about traffic and people passing on the right, Carol thinks the cones have helped and it will take time for traffic to slow down in the area. Topic of discussion at Town Staff Meeting for the next few weeks should include the park and increased sheriff and local police patrols along this stretch of Rte 30. Next WRP fundraising meeting is 9/12/12 at 8:00am and regular meeting is 9/18/12 at 6:00pm. New soccer goals for 3/4 and 5/6 grade teams are in and Carol is trying to find used field hockey goals. Maintenance crew has an exciting new learning curve for field hockey and soccer fields, they must identify different field marking with different color paints.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE: Currently using registration software for fall programs. After foundation of data base is built program will be a benefit to the department and community. Good feedback from citizens who came in for fall registration.

Gymnasium floors were polyurethane the week of 9/5, school groups will start using gym on 9/24 and 10/22 all indoor recreation programs start.

SKATEBOARD UPDATE: Fundraising efforts continue. There is no regular meeting on 9/20. A public forum with ASD/Stantec is scheduled for 9/27, hoping to break into small groups for public input. This meeting is not about stopping project, it's about BASIC moving forward. Mike McIntrye had designed many parks in downtown areas. Goal is to enhance site not to create an eyesore, currently working on design in Boston on

the Charles River. Carol is working with Mike on publicity for meeting; Carol has asked the Town Manager and members of the select board to be present for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Soccer registrations – still getting last minute registrations
- 17 Field Hockey participants, Carol is working on getting goals
- Fall Winter programming will be starting in a month
- Getting a new Zumba instructor
- New senior center programs – one game day and one movie day per month
- Event scheduled for October 11th to recognize Irene Alexa with a plaque and dedication of the new dance floor- board members welcome just send an e-mail for headcount.
- October 24th Health Expo scheduled for the whole building Jessy is hoping to have local doctors, interns, nutritionist, line dancers and more.

OTHER BUSINESS

SKATING RINK and GIBSON AIKEN CENTER: Rink opens on October 20th and Gibson Aiken Center indoor programming starts on October 22nd. We are currently working on the Fall/Winter brochure. Phil Dunham ski skate sale is scheduled for November 2nd, 3rd & 5th, co-sponsored by Brattleboro Outing Club.

MISC: Board members concerned about tag sales near Citizens Bridge, Carol advised that board members should call police if these tag sales are seen.

Kate Hayford has resigned from her position for a position San Francisco, CA.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Gibson Aiken Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Renee Woliver, 2nded by Betsy Gentile at 6:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Isaacsen

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