

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2013**

All minutes are considered a draft until approved at next board meeting

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, February 11, 2013 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, Bonnie Carr, Marty Rancourt, Sam Rowley Director Carol Lolatte and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

Board was unable to approve minutes from January 14, 2013 meeting due to lack of quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The next committee meeting is going to be February 13, 2013. The committee has scheduled a tentative date for the grand opening of the park on May 18th. Carol distributed an up dated copy of donations, pledges and expenses. Up coming expenses include lacrosse goals, foul poles, park benches, team benches, fence caps and tractor. These are items that are needed to get park up and running. We will continue to work with WRCC on maintenance building. A fundraising idea that the Committee has come up with is to sell paving bricks that have been engraved with family or donor names, the bricks will then be laid in a pre-determined location.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE: Carol distributed a copy of the special article that will be presented at town meeting. Carol met with American Refrigeration and Efficacy Vermont in order to gain more information about how to move forward with this project, repair of the current compressors is not an option. Estimated cost to replace both compressors with commercial grade equipment is \$172,000.00. Carol will apply for grant to help cover the cost and use the improvement account to repay the grants over the next ten years.

Carol has received a \$12,000.00 grant to be used for repair, repainting and repaving of the basketball court at Crowell Lot and basketball and tennis courts at Living Memorial Park. We will be getting three quotes, total cost of all three project repairs will be \$18,000.00 and work will be done this spring.

SKATEBOARD UPDATE: The BASIC Committee has approved the design with the bowl. The Committee will now present design for final approval to The School Board, The Selectboard, The Planning Office, Brian Bannon and Chair of the DRB. After final approval is given the Committee will redefine the costs related to the design. Cost of project with bowl is \$358,000.00 and without the bowl cost is \$285,000.00, RFP will include the bowl as an alternate. Fundraising is slow; Committee has had a lot of in kind services already provided, they have approximately \$60,000.00 raised. The Committee was given 5 years to raise funds and start the project and approximately 2.5 years have

passed. Funds raised will need to include a new play structure as current structure will need to be replaced to move forward with project. Committee is working hard to raise funds needed. They have a Skate Jam planned for Winter Carnival.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Wrapping up all youth basketball leagues, end of seasons party scheduled for all leagues
- We will be holding a 3/4 grade girls tournament on March 2nd
- Senior Center Newsletter shared with Board
- Winter Carnival activities starting on Feb 15th

SKATING RINK: BUHS has requested that we keep the rink open until March 8th because the boy's hockey team is doing so well. BUHS reached out to some of the other regular users of the ice and secured some other groups who would be interested in renting ice for the extra time the rink will be open. Normal rentals of the ice total 52 hours and at this point only 31 hours of the additional ice time have been rented. Carol will reach out to other user groups to see if any others have an interest in the ice time. Our rink is not the only one closing and facing these decisions due to the fact that the high school sports season are starting one week later in August. Carol has recommended that we keep the rink open until March 8th as requested with the following stipulations being met by users, cost of ice time will increase by \$15.00 per hour that would make the cost \$145.00 for youth and \$160.00 for adults and payment for the additional ice time must be made no later than February 26th. Carol has made this recommendation with the support of the Town Manager. Motion to keep rink open until March 9th with the hourly fees increased to \$145.00 for youth and \$160.00 for adults and fees to be paid by February 26th was made by Bonnie Carr, Sam Rowley 2nded the motion and all board members voted in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE: Carol and Peggy DeAngelis received an e-mail to make them aware of a situation that took place on Sunday February 10th during the men's basketball league games. Carol reached out to several members of the men's basketball board to get clarification of the issue. The player thought that he had been ejected from the game because he received two technical fouls, upon review of the records only one technical was given and player was not ejected from the game. After speaking with a member of the board and the manager of the team it was clear that player did not understand what happened during the game.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Renee Woliver, 2nded by Bonnie Carr at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Isaacsen

Kim Isaacsen, Administrative Assistant