

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2014**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference Room.

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

Attending were board members, Bonnie Carr, Peggy DeAngelis, Marty Rancourt, Sam Rowley, Betsy Gentile, Bob Neubauer Director Carol Lolatte and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

Motion to approve the February minutes was made by Marty Rancourt and 2nded by Betsy Gentile, all members voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 5:15. Three bids for Completion of the Sewer line project were received, one contractor withdrew their bid before the opening, one bid was received late and one bid was \$13,000.00 over budget for the project. The project has been Re-bid with a better definition to the scope of the project, bids are due March 26th. Carol is waiting for the design plans and material list for the restroom/snack bar building from Bell Engineering. After the material list is received it will be reviewed to see if any materials for the project can be donated. The Committee is working on the Buy a Brick fundraising brochure.

POOL ENGINEERING SERVICES: Engineers are still fine tuning the information.

ESTEY GAZEBO: We received 3 quotes to address the damaged areas around the gazebo. CWF was the lowest quote and the work will need to be completed by June 30th.

GIBSON AIKEN CENTER ROOF: The roof has developed some minor leaks. Truco the company who warrantied the work needs good weather to repair and fully evaluate the roof.

RINK COMPRESSORS: The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 5:15pm. The building and heat being pumped in made a big difference. Brian Oaks from Vermont Commercial Refrigeration will shut down the system and complete the repairs to the valves and oil separators while the rink is closed.

SKATEBOARD SITE SELECTION UPDATE: The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at 5:15pm. The Committee is getting a lot of good information via e-mail. They have a final list of criteria and have started to narrow down the list of possible sites. The next steps for the Committee will be to add weights to the final criteria and continue to narrow down the list of possible sites. The Committee will be updating the Selectboard on their progress at the April 1st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Winter Carnival participants were up this year.
- Spring sports registration is scheduled for March 18th & 19th.
- Bulk e-mail sent via Rec-Trac to last year's spring program participants.
- Senior Health Expo had 24 Vendors, 4 Speaker and 1 Presentation.
 - They served 78 lunches an increase over the October 2012 Expo.
- We are now offering space for Birthday parties at the Gibson Aiken Center, we held 2 parties this year.
- West River Park will be hosting Ultimate Frisbee and a Co-Ed Softball League this spring/summer.

LMP SNOW SPORTS: It was reported that they have been having problems with dogs on the skiing and sledding hills. Signs asking for "no dogs beyond this point" were put up to help reduce the number of dogs on the hill.

DOG PARK: Carol has been approached to help develop a dog park by the Chelsea Royal. Carol has contacted Westgate Housing to see if this is an option.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FRANK DEARBORN: Frank Dearborn is the founder of the Recreation and Parks his daughter Donna Dearborn will be speaking at the Senior Center in April.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Marty Rancourt, 2nded by Bonnie Carr at 6:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Isaacsen

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