

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

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the conference room.

**Attending Board Members:** Bonnie Carr, Sam Rowley, Ricky Davidson, Renee Woliver, Ben Underhill and Kristina Aldrich.

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

The meeting was called to order by Ricky Davidson at 6:00 p.m.

**Agenda Adjustment:** Carol asked to change the title of item 4e to Dog Park Proposal Update to Dog Park/Skatepark Proposal Update, the Board approved this change.

**Public Participation:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the January 12, 2015 minutes with no changes was made by Renee Woliver and seconded by Sam Rowley by a vote of 5-0 the January minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE:** Carol showed the Board aerial views of Living Memorial Park and the proposed locations of both the Dog Park and Skatepark. The Town's insurance company Vermont League of Cities and Towns has provided Carol with information about what safety measures that should put in place during the design phase of both the Skatepark and Dog Park. Carol has meet with Living Memorial Park Snow Sports to go over some of the safety measure that will need to be put into place during the design phase. At Town Meeting there is an article that if voted in will provide \$20,000.00 to be used for research, design and a feasibility study for the Skatepark location. The Dog Park group will also need to raise additional funds to help offset some of the cost for the design phase. Board member Ricky Davidson was concerned about kids at the Skatepark and close proximity to the Dog Park, the hope is that responsible dog owners will prevent any problems with kids and dogs. Board Renee Woliver was concerned with parking, Carol reported this will addressed during the design phase. The Town Planning Department will also reviewing and addressing any Act 250 permitting requirement's that may need to be completed.

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:** There were five bids received for the Snack bar/Restroom building ranging from \$63,734.00 - \$74,862.00. The Selectboard award the bid to Ingram Construction from Swanzey, NH. Carol is waiting for the project time line from Ingram, the project should be completed by July 1, 2015. Other projects that need to be completed are the playground, the seating area behind the softball field and

netting to be installed on the far end of the multi-purpose field. The buy a brick fundraising continues and to date 63 bricks have been sold.

**POOL RENOVATIONS:** Money for pool renovations have been cut from the budget and this project may require fundraising. Carol would like to finish current projects that require fundraising before we start another project that requires fundraising.

**SENIOR CENTER:** We are currently waiting for additional quotes to complete the rug and wainscoting upgrades in the Senior Center. The funds for these upgrades will come from the Ray Riddle Trust and other grant funding.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>:** The Recreation and Parks Department will work with Brattleboro Goes 4<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the celebration at Living Memorial Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The town has already made payment for the fireworks display on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PROGRAM REPORT:**

- Spring sports registrations is March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The youth indoor soccer program started March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- A new Dodge ball program will be starting in the Adult Indoor Soccer time slot due to lack of participation in the Adult Indoor Soccer.
- The Senior Center is a co-sponsor of the Age of Champions event taking place at the Latchis Theater on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Carnival week was cold so outdoor events had lower attendance than anticipated, however indoor events were very well attended.

**SUMMER STAFF:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> letters were mailed to all of last year's summer staff, only 16 of our last year's staff will be returning this year. We are going to be looking for new staff the pool, day camp and park maintenance.

**BUDGET:** The informational town meetings will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Town meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Town Manager will be working with Department Heads over the next 10 months on a long term financial planning, Carol outlined the project intentions.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Ben Underhill, 2nded by Bonnie Carr at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kim Isaacsen*

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