

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING**

**April 8, 2013**

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

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, April 8, 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, Bonnie Carr, Sam Rowley, Betsy Gentile, Bob Neubauer, Director Carol Lolatte, Assistant Director Jessy Cudworth and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

Board approved minutes from February 11, 2013 and March 11, 2013 meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:**

- Carol reviewed current fundraising efforts (new donation and pledges).
- The current balance of total fundraising through donation and pledges is \$801,686.75.
- We reviewed the current spending for: new foul poles, netting to protect cars, maintenance building, new sign, concrete, new tractor, benches.
- The Grand Opening will be on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- WRCC will begin work on the maintenance building the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, DMI will donate excavation, Eugene Frost will donate forms for concrete and Washburn Vault will donate concrete.

**CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:** Improvements to Crowell Lot and Living Memorial Park basketball and tennis courts are scheduled to start April 15<sup>th</sup>. Crowell Lot will be repaved on the 15<sup>th</sup>; new pavement must sit for 20 days before it can be painted. Painting for Crowell lot is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. The repairs at Living Memorial Park are scheduled to begin in June.

**RINK COMPRESSORS:**

- The rink compressors failed in January.
- Carol is working with Efficacy VT. And I.B. Story for an evaluation of the rink.
- The new Selectboard will review the recommendations and reports at the goals meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Energy committee will also review reports and recommendations.
- Carol reported that bids will need to be awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June for completion in time to open in October.
- Bob Neubauer made a motion to support option 1 for \$362,000.00 with the super heaters as an alternate, Betsy Gentile 2<sup>nd</sup>ed the motion and all board members voted in favor.

### **SKATEBOARD UPDATE:**

- Fundraising efforts continue.
- BASIC is looking for new members.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Selectboard will be appointing new members.
- June 21<sup>st</sup> is Go Skateboarding Day.
- BASIC will be meeting the first Thursday of the month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PROGRAM REPORT:**

- Enrollment for Softball and Baseball is low, Lacrosse is about the same
- Fall & Winter programs are wrapping up
- Camp Fair at the River Garden was well attended.
- Senior Meals has started to have theme lunches; the first was Mad Hatter Day, Jessy played the role of Alice and Carol was the Rabbit.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> a Cardiologist came to speak, the seniors enjoyed the program.
- Jessy has planned a Craft day with the kids from Aspire School.
- Starting a new program called Savvy Seniors, program enlightens seniors about fraud, how to protect drugs and other dangers.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**REGISTRATION EXTRAVAGANZA:** Carol has made changes to Registration Extravaganza, registration will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 6:00pm. We will use the conference room and 3 computers.

**REC TRAC:** New Point of Service module for should speed up process for people getting into the pool and rink quicker.

**SUMMER STAFF:** Significant number of staff returning, only 4 positions to fill this year. Staff letters will be sent by the end of this week.

**RESIGNATION:** Chris Hoard has given her resignation; her last day will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. Carol will be interviewing candidates for the position on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Betsy Gentile, 2nded by Bonnie Carr at 6:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kim Isaacsen*

Kim Isaacsen, Administrative Assistant