

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2015**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the senior center.

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

Attending Staff members: Director Carol Lolatte and Administrative Assistant Kim Isaacsen.

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

Agenda Adjustment: Elevator update was add under capital projects

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the April 13, 2015 minutes with no changes was made by Bonnie Carr and seconded by Ben Underhill by a vote of 5-0 the April minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: The next BASIC meeting is May 12th at 6:30. Carol had a meeting with representatives from the engineering firm Marquise & Marano at Living Memorial Park. The engineering firm will develop preliminary plans that are to be used in June for the DRB permit. The plans will include an 8000 sq. ft. dog park, a 6500 sq. ft. skatepark, parking and drainage.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The scoreboard for the softball field is up and in use for games. Carol meet with Ingram to address concerns for safety for users of the park during construction. Ingram construction completed work requiring heavy equipment prior to youth and adult programs beginning at West River Park. The construction on the concession/restroom building is moving along quickly and is anticipated to be completed by July 1st.

SENIOR CENTER: Lawton Flooring is scheduled to install the new carpet tiles on June 26th & 27th. New wainscoting will be installed on the half wall by the back door by Albert Wood Builders before the new carpet tiles are installed.

GIBSON AIKEN CENTER WINDOWS: Bids for the Gibson Aiken Window replacement project are due June 3rd, the mandatory walk around is scheduled for May 19th at 8:00am. This project is budgeted to cost \$30,000.00 and the windows that are being replaced are in several areas of the building.

ELEVATOR: The elevator (LULA) is currently out of service, the parts have been ordered and are coming from Canada. When the new parts arrive they will be installed by Bay State Elevator Company.

JULY 4TH: Some changes have been made to the July 4th schedule. The New England Center for Circus Arts will have a 30 minute performance and the time for the All Star Small Fry game has changed. Volunteers will needed to sell glow lights and tickets for the bounce house activities again this year. There will be another fundraising push after the Strolling of the Heifer is early June.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- We have wrapped up our indoor evening programing.
- Spring programs Tee-ball, Small Fry, Girls Softball and Boys & Girls Lacrosse have started.
- The Men's and Womens Softball Leagues have started.
- The summer brochure is out and has been distributed to Brattleboro elementary schools.
- Summer registration extravaganza is May 13th & 14th.
- New programs we are offering this summer are Sobo in the Park, Magical Earth Retreats and Tai Chi, Qigong and Tao Yin.

POOL: The pool is scheduled to open June 20th. The staff training for summer staff is scheduled for June 18th at Living Memorial Park.

BOARD TERMS: We still have a vacant position on the board and Bonnie Carr's term will be ending in June. Anyone interested in the Board should apply through the Town Managers office.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bonnie Carr, 2nded by Sam Rowley at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Isaacsen

Kim Isaacsen, Administrative Assistant