

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2015**

All minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.

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

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

Attending Staff members: Director, Carol Lolatte and Assistant Director, Jessy Cudworth.

The meeting was called to order by Ricky Davidson at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Adjustment: Duck Derby was added under Old Business letter E.

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes with no changes was made by Sam Rowley and seconded by Ben Underhill by a vote of 5-0 the May minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: Carol had a meeting with representatives from the engineering firm Marquise & Marano at Living Memorial Park. The engineering plan has sent along the plans that include an 8000 sq. ft. dog park, a 6500 sq. ft. skatepark, parking and drainage. The DRB will review the plans at their meeting on June 15th at 7pm. Carol mentioned that she was approached by residents leaving in the area of Living Memorial Park that were concerned with the location of the skatepark; she recommended that they attend the DRB meeting to voice their concerns.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The Snack Bar/Restroom Facility project is moving along. The West River Park Committee is reviewing several options regarding the development of the seating behind the softball field back stop. There is \$97,000.00 in the account, but there are outstanding expenses including the play structure, the Snack Bar/Restroom Facility. All but \$15,000.00 of the funds will be utilized to cover those expenses. There have been 66 bricks sold at this time. If more are sold after the project has been completed the red bricks will be removed to replace them with the grey ones. The committee is in the process of deciding on whether or not to purchase a cast bronze plaque to honor the donors for the cost of approximately \$5000.00 or to choose a less costly PVC sign designed by McCarthy signs that would be a white and blue color.

Originally when the ground water was taped it the flow of was about a gallon and a half and couldn't even get a gallon a minute. Now after hydro-fracking we are getting a flow of 10 gallons per minute which meets the requirement of the State Health Department.

SENIOR CENTER: New wainscoting will be installed next week on the 18th and 19th on the half wall by the back door by Albert Wood Builders before the new carpet tiles are installed. Lawton Flooring is scheduled to install the new carpet tiles on June 26th & 27th and the Senior Center will close for the day.

GIBSON AIKEN CENTER WINDOWS: Carol reported that the bids for the Gibson Aiken Window replacement project are due June 10th; the project was extended a week because a second walk through was scheduled. This project is budgeted to cost \$30,000.00 and the windows that are being replaced are in the gymnastic room and in several other areas of the building.

STEPS AT THE BRATTLEBORO COMMON: The steps have been replaced on the gazebo at the Brattleboro Common. When it was being dismantled there was a significant amount of rot so the entire structure needed to be replaced. Eventually there will be rails on either side.

GYMNASTICS ROOM FLOOR: There will be no gymnastics classes or team practice the week of June 15th due to re-poly the floors.

JULY 4TH: Carol handed out the 4th of July schedule and asked if there were any volunteers for running the ticket booth or selling glow lights. On Friday there will be an outside live remote at the Brattleboro Savings and Loan to promote the Crowd fundraiser for the Fireworks.

DUCK DERBY: The prize list for the Annual Duck Derby was handed out and names were added to the list. It is due at the next Board Meeting. Carol reminded everyone to get on the list early so that if there are businesses that can't donate they can be replaced with a different one.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- We are transitioning from Spring into Summer.
- Spring programs Tee-ball, Small Fry, Girls Softball and Boys & Girls Lacrosse are almost finished and next week the end of season picnics begin.
- We are still taking registrations for all our summer programs. The sign out front has made a significant impact on the number of registrations.
- Last week was the CPR/First Aid training at Rescue, Inc.
- Senior Center has a busy month of activities and clinics.
- Pool party is July 15th from 4:30-8pm – Pirate Theme.

POOL: The pool is scheduled to open June 20th. The staff training for summer staff is scheduled for June 18th at Living Memorial Park. The pool has been power washed and the water is being added.

BOARD TERMS: It is Bonnie Carr's last Board meeting and there are two new potential Board Members.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Sam Rowley, 2nded by Kristina Aldrich at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessy Cudworth

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