

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
August 12, 2013**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, August 12, 2013 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Lolatte at 6:00 p.m.

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

After meeting was called to order Carol Lolatte requested nominations for the Chair, Peggy DeAngelis was nominated by Bonnie Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Neubauer, 3<sup>rd</sup> by Betsy Gentile. Peggy accepted the nomination and all board members voted in favor of nomination. Nominations were then accepted for Vice-chair, Betsy Gentile was nominated by Bonnie Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peggy DeAngelis and Betsy Gentile accepted the nomination and all board members voted in favor of the nomination.

The June minutes were approved as written, no meeting was held in July.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:**

- Men's Softball may be willing to help with funding for viewing area behind softball field.
- The Committee would like price to complete septic and piping for septic for building that will have concessions and restrooms.
- Paul Freed is going to check with WRCC for pricing on building that will have concessions and restrooms.
- Maintenance Staff is finished with siding, windows and trim work on the maintenance building. The concrete floor needs to be poured before the door can be installed.
- Still waiting on the 501C3, so we can submit a grant application to Entergy.
- Picnic tables, grills and benches have arrived and will be installed
- Next meeting on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.

**RINK COMPRESSORS:**

- We had 3 responses to the RFP
  1. One from American Refrigeration for \$33,450.00.
  2. A letter from Dompier Electric.
  3. A response from Everything Ice offering another option.
- The Selectboard has approved to replace both the 60 and 100 horsepower compressors; it will be equal to what we currently have.

- The Selectboard has appointed an oversight Committee to review all options and help determine what the best plan going forward will be. Committee may decide it is necessary to hire a consultant. The rink will open on time for the 2013/2014 skating season.

**POOL ENGINEERING SERVICES:** The Pool is in need of an upgrading an RFP is out for engineering services that will look at the pool decking, changing areas, filter plants and leaking issues. Pool needs an overhaul. Two bids were received; Carol will bring bids to the Selectboard on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RINK BOILER:** Paul Ethier is working with The Energy Committee on RFP for Rink boiler project.

**ESTEY GAZABOO:** Repairs to the gazebo will begin this Fall

**SKATEBOARD UPDATE:** New Committee members have been appointed by the Selectboard. The new members are Joe Bushy III, Linda Wheliam and Eric Hurlbert. The new Chair of the Committee is Jeff Clark. The Committee is currently discussing the impact of down sizing the project. The DRB permit expires on August 15<sup>th</sup>; the Committee will have to go back to the School Board and Selectboard, if they choose to change the scope of the project. The Committee is considering down sizing because fundraising has been difficult.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PROGRAM REPORT:**

- All summer programs are complete.
- This is the last week of Gymnastics Camp and Soccer Camp.
- Gymnastics Camp enrollment was up this year.
- Day Camp enrollment was down; competition from summer school camp and other area camps.
- Pool closed for the season on August 11th.
- We hosted the Pool Party, Duck Derby, TGIF & Arts in the Park all were well attend by community members.
- Fall registration is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Returning fall programs are Soccer, Gymnastics and Field Hockey.
- New fall programs youth Flag Football – 7 vs. 7 and Adult Flag Football.

**POOL:** New point of sale equipment and software helped speed up process for entry into the pool.

**DUCK DERBY:** The Boys and Girls club raised \$1000.00 in sponsors, 1039 ducks were sold. The number of prizes given away this year was down a little. Approximately \$2000.00 was raised to be split between the Boys and Girls club and Recreation and Parks.

**RINK SCHEDULE:** Board was in support of annual request received for scheduling. In addition to regular scheduling 7 items of note were requested which Carol presented to the board item 1-6 were supported by the board with no discussion. The Board discussed item 7 at length, the Women's Hockey requested part of a time slot that has always been assigned to the Figure Skaters, Carol reached out to the Figure Skaters who agreed to make a change end time to 8:45 and give the ice to Women's Hockey at 9:00. All board members supported this decision, but feel that it should be reviewed annually incase the Figure Skaters need that time back. Betsy Gentile made a motion to approve the 2013/14 rink schedule and Bonnie Carr 2nded the motion, all board members voted in favor of the 2013/14 rink schedule.

**LMP SNOW SPORTS:** Carol received a request from Snow Sports to support advertising on rope tow towers in an effort to fundraise. The purposed advertising would only be visible to people riding the rope tow. Board is concerned because no advertising has been allowed at softball fields on fencing. Betsy Gentile suggested that advertising be kept to the ticket booth if possible. Carol supported the request provided the advertising can't be seen from the road. Board members would like to see a sample of what the Snow Sports group is requesting. Carol will go back to Snow Sports and get information that board has requested for the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Betsy Gentile, 2nded by Bob Neubauer at 6:55.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kim Isaacsen*  
Kim Isaacsen, Administrative Assistant