

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2015**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, September 14, 2015 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Large Conference Room.

Attending Board Members: Ben Underhill, Renee Woliver, Sam Rowley, Jessica Gould and Bill Willson.

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

The meeting was called to order by Ben Underhill at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Adjustment: None

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the August 10, 2015 minutes with no changes was made by Sam Rowley and seconded by Renee Woliver by a vote of 5-0 the August minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: The project has been granted the local permits. The committee is now working with the Planning Department and the State of Vermont for an Act 250 Amendment. The Board discussed how both project will be able to move forward and what the Act 250 Amendment will require. The Dog Park has started a Crowd Funding fundraiser that has already received over \$500.00 in donations.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The Snack Bar/Rest Room building is complete. The Snack Bar will not open until spring, but the bathrooms have been open since late August. The water testing is complete and the water is good to use. The engraved bricks have been laid around the outside of the building and flood gates will be put in place on three doors for future use as needed. The play structure has been ordered, depending on when it arrives it will be installed either this fall or next spring by Park Maintenance staff.

GIBSON AIKEN CENTER WINDOWS: The window project is complete. There are two more windows in the front of the building that are scheduled for replacement this year.

GYM FLOOR: The gym floor was refinished last week, the gym will remain locked and closed until the beginning of October.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- The fall sports sign ups were Sept 2nd & 3rd
- Field Hockey started last week, Soccer starts this week.
- Gymnastics started last week.

FALL SPORTS: The Board discussed ways to reach out to families who are interested in registering for our programs. Some suggestions included handing out information the last week of day camp, more publicity at the pool events, e-mailing all families in Rec-trac instead of focusing on only families that already participate and e-mailing a link to our flyer.

GIBSON AIKEN CENTER/ SKATING FACILITY: The Gibson Aiken Center will open for programming on October 19th. The Skating Facility will open on October 24th.

2016/2017 BUDGET: Purposed budgets are due to Town Manager on Friday. Carol is looking at fee increase that will not impact programming. Capital request will include funding for the Swimming Pool project, it will be presented as a three phase project.

SKI, SKATE SALE: Annual Ski, Skate Sale is scheduled for November 6, 7 & 9. Jake Dixon may be calling Board member to volunteer at the sale. The event is co-sponsored by the Brattleboro Outing Club.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Sam Rowley, 2nded by Renee Woliver at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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