

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2019**

All Minutes are considered draft until the next meeting

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

Attending Board Members: Bethany Ranquist, Conor Floyd, Ricky Davidson, Bill Willson, Jess Gould and Becky Day.

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

Agenda Adjustment: None.

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the December 10, 2018 minutes was made by Bill Willson and seconded by Jess Gould by a vote of 6-0 the December minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATEPARK UPDATE: The cost for the preliminary design is significantly higher than expected. Carol is working with BASIC Committee and Stantec on design options that can be changed to help lower the cost. In addition Carol is reviewing the possibility of “in kind donation” and the BASIC Committee is also applying for additional grants to help cover the additional cost.

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES:

- BINGO – Nina Willson from Pine Heights had 10 participants.
- Nutrition – with Chris Ellis had 5 participants.
- Annual Cookie Swap – had 7 participants.
- December Birthday Celebration – 35 lunch guests.
- Lunch Time Entertainment with Gin Mill Bill (Wayne) – 38 lunch guests.
- Senator Sanders Holiday Lunch – 185 Lunches were served.
- Last Night Celebration – 45 participants for the pot luck lunch and celebration.
- Great Courses – Story of the Human Language 20 participants.
- Monday Movie Matinee – 10 participants.
- Pickleball – 100 + weekly
- Cyndy Gray’s fitness classes – 45 participants.
- Mixed Fiber Arts group – 25 participants.
- Bridge group – 30 participants.

- Writing group – 8 participants.
- Tai-Chi – 13 participants.
- Country Line Dancing – 43 participants.
- Basketball/walking – 1 participant.
- Table Tennis – no participants.
- January Birthday Celebration – 47 lunch guests.

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Youth Basketball Program:
 - Kindergarten –began January 7th with 15 participants.
 - 1st/2nd grade Co-ed. – Games began Jan 4th with 4 teams.
 - The Girls Teams started games on December 8th.
 - The Boys Teams are at the half way point of the season.
- Adult Programing:
 - Badminton – 22 drop-ins.
 - Volleyball – 24 drop-ins.
 - Table Tennis – 21 drop-ins, 2 10 session punch passes sold.
 - Pickleball – 12 drop-ins.
- Open Gym & Game Room:
 - Mon, Wed & Friday (K-6) – 107 participants.
 - Tues, Thurs & Sat (7-12) – 89 participants.
 - Vacation & Snow day (K-12) – 97 participants.
- Parent/Tot – Open Gym:
 - Monday & Thursday – 5-15 participants.
- Last Night Brattleboro:
 - Senior Pot Luck Luncheon had 60 participants to enjoy the food, festive decorations and party favors as well as music by “Rob Fletcher”
 - Sandglass Theater “Punshi” was attended by 100 fans young & old.
 - Free skating at the Nelson Withington Skating Facility was packed with several hundred participants to enjoy free hot chocolate and door prizes.
 - The evening ended with a fabulous fireworks display over the Retreat Meadows.
- Holiday Events:
 - Dec 26th Brattleboro Bowl held a special event this fun affordable event was well attened by over 50 participants.
 - The Movie Matinee of “Smallfoot” on Thursday Dec 27th was attend by 30 youth and families.
 - The Paul Freed and BUHS Varsity Girls Basketball hosted the annual Basketball Clinic on Dec. 28th with 9 participants in the K-2nd grade group and 15 in the 3rd-6th grade group.

- Winter Mini Camp was held on Dec 26th – Dec. 28th activities will included arts & crafts, sports games and even ice skating on Friday the 28th, there were 7 participants in the mini-camp program.
- Nelson Withington Skating Facility: (Dec 12 – Jan 12)
 - Dollar day visits: 486
 - Residents student visits: 494
 - Resident adult visits: 297
 - Non Resident student visits: 180
 - Non Resident adult visits: 99
 - Senior visits: 80
 - Resident stick time visits: 77
 - Non Resident stick time visits: 18
 - Skate Rentals: 1056

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS: Carol meet with Melanson about issues with roof run off on the back of the building, the roof has no drains at the back of the building, so the run off is going down the side of the building. Carol will work with Melanson's for a solution to the problem.

FYI UPDATE:

- On December 15th there was a flood in the women's locker room that caused a significant amount of damage to the locker room, conference room, the senior center and the bathroom in the senior center. There was an insurance claim filed and Carol is working with VLCT and local contractor to complete the repairs.
- Construction has started on the Jr. Ski Jump at Living Memorial Park.
- Living Memorial Park Snow Sports has made snow and is open for the season.
- Carol received a complaint from a neighbor of Living Memorial Park about people speeding in the park, the DPW conducted a speed survey and speeds seemed to be with in reason, Carol shared the result of the survey with the concerned neighbor.
- There is a group of citizens who would like to try and get some improvements made to the Estyville Common, Carol will be working with the group to see if any improvements can be made and how funds can be raised to make the improvements.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bethany Ranquist, 2nded by Jess Gould at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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