

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2017**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

Attending Board Members: Bethany Ranquist, Jessica Gould, Conor Floyd and Bill Willson.

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

Agenda Adjustment: None

Public Participation: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Conor Floyd by a vote of 4-0 the September minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

LIVING MEMORIAL PARK SNOW SPORTS: The Living Memorial Park Snow Sports Board has started planning for the new building, the next steps will include permitting, a final design that will need to be presented and approved by the Selectboard and DRB. The Selectboard will have final approval of all designs and plans, the permitting may include an ACT 250 amendment.

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK UPDATE: The BASIC Committee is continuing to fundraising and working on grant applications. They will be hosting a trivia night on November 13th at the American Legion, co-sponsored by Sunrise Rotary.

The Dog Park chain link fencing is on order and installation will be completed as soon as material is received. The poles and the top rail have been installed. A grand opening for the dog park will be held in the spring.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The Committee will need to schedule a meeting. To complete the final wrap up meeting, and disband as a committee.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Soccer information:
 - Kindergarten Soccer has 41 participants.
 - Co-Ed Soccer (1st & 2nd grade) has 63 participants with 6 teams.
 - 3rd & 4th Grade Soccer has 40 participants with 4 teams.
 - 5th & 6th Grade Soccer has 34 participants with 2 teams.
- Youth Basketball registrations is on Oct 18th & 19th.
- Field Hockey ended the season with 18 participants, they played in 3 tournaments and had 3 local games.
- Open Gym & game room start on October 16th.
- The Skating rink open's on October 21st.
- The Horribles parade is scheduled for October 31st, this event is co-sponsored with the Brattleboro Police Department.
- The annual Phil & Mary Dunham Ski/Skate Sale is scheduled for November 3rd, 4th & 6th.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES:

- On October 5th jazz performer Paul Speidel from Boston came into the Senior Center for a performance.
- A new Great Courses called Skeptics Guide to American History started on October 16th.
- Words & Music take wings second event is on October 19th.
- The Journey of Positive Aging presentation is on October 26th.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- Phase three of the window project at the Gibson Aiken Center was started on October 11th. There will be 14 more windows to be replaced when this phase of the window project is complete, Carol has received a quote for the additional windows and will be asking the Selectboard to approve the additional funds to complete all remaining windows at the October 17th Selectboard meeting.
- The Gibson Aiken Center parking lot work has been completed.
- The alcove roof off the back of the building was replaced on October 13th.

CAROL'S VACATION: Carol will be on vacation in Ireland from December 20th – Januay 4th.

17/18 BUDGET: The 2017/18 budget has been level funded. Capital items currently included in the budget are:

- Roof replacement at the Gibson Aiken Center.
- Smoke detector & Fire alarm panel update.
- Replacement/Repair of the Pool Deck.
- Tractor Replacement.
- Energy Study Improvements at the Rink.

FYI UPDATE:

- Carol, Adam & Jessy attended the annual Governor's Conference at Lake Morey on October 11th & 12th.
- The Rotary has received a grant to help offset the cost of up grading the current 13 hole Disc Golf course to an 18 hole course, clearing work for the additional baskets has already begun and the new baskets should be in place when the course opens in the spring.
- The Zamboni has been returned, the motor was replaced and it has been converted to propane, these repairs are expected to extend the life of the Zamboni 10 years.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bethany Ranquist, 2nded by Conor Floyd at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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