

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
November 13, 2017**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, November 13, 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 October 16, 2017 minutes was made by Conor Floyd and seconded by Bill Wilson by a vote of 4-0 the October minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DOG PARK/SKATEPARK UPDATE:** Some of the BASIC Committee had a site visit with Members of the Rich Tarrant Foundation and Carol Lolatte on November 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss grant opportunities. The Sunrise Rotary and the BASIC Committee are co-hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion.

The Dog Park chain link fencing was completed. The Dog Park is currently open, community members are taking advantage of the park, before it closes for the winter. A grand opening for the dog park will be held in the spring.

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:** The Park has been winterized and the lower gate has been closed, the upper gate will be closed after the first significant snow fall. The Committee will need to meet in the spring to officially disband.

**NEW BUSINESS**

## **PROGRAM REPORT:**

- Basketball information:
  - Kindergarten Basketball has 18 participants and will start January 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Co-Ed Basketball (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) has 41 participants with 5 teams, practices will start the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball has 26 participants with 4 teams, practice stated the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball has 12 participants with 1 team, practice will start the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball has 41 participants with 4 teams, practice started the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball has 19 participants with 2 teams, practices will start the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Session II of chess class has started:
  - An advance classed has been added to the schedule with 2 participants.
  - The Intermediate class has 5 participants.
  - The Beginner class has 4 participants.
- Gymnastics:
  - Currently has 97 participants enrolled in classes and 45 participants in team and pre-team.
- Adult and Evening programing:
  - Zumba has had 23 participants.
  - Badminton has had 6 participants, attendance should increase with the time change and weathers conditions.
  - Volleyball has had 8 participants, attendance should increase with the time change and weathers conditions.
  - Pickleball has had 18 participants.
  - Table Tennis has had 15 participants.
- Open Gym and Game room are being well attended.
- Parent-tot/Open Gym started on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Men's League Basketball has 17 teams and games will start November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Women's League Basketball has 4 teams and games will start November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Horribles parade had over 140 participants, the parade was escorted up Main St. by the Police Department and followed by BPD Chief Michael Fitzgerald, several volunteers and town staff members assisted with the event to help make it a safe fun filled evening for all.
- The Annual Phil & Mary Dunham Ski/Skate Sale was held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, over 330 item were sold, and gross income was \$5800.00.
- The Annual Santa's visit will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm in the Senior Center.

- Nelson Withington Skating Facility:
  - Dollar day visits: 140
  - Residents student visits: 464
  - Resident adult visits: 91
  - Non Resident student visits: 37
  - Non Resident adult visits: 43
  - Senior visits: 29
  - Toddler visits: 4
  - Resident stick time visits: 54
  - Non Resident stick time visits: 16
  - Skate Rentals: 320

**SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES:**

- A new Great Courses called Skeptics Guide to American History continues to be well attended.
- Pine Heights Program Coordinator Nina Wilson will be hosting Bingo in the Senior Center on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Pine Height will be donation pies for the event.
- On November 20<sup>th</sup> Vermont Legal Aid will offer free advice to seniors.
- Senator Sanders will be sponsoring a free Holiday Luncheon for seniors on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ANNUAL PHIL & MARY DUNHAM SKI & SKATE SALE:** The Annual sale was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, over 330 item were sold and gross sales were \$5800.00. The Board had a discussion about how the 80/10/10 percentage split works with the sellers, the BOC and the Rec. Department. Carol will do some research on how other sales are handled and discuss possibilities of making changes with the BOC.

**CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:**

- Windows - The request for the additional funds to complete the last 14 windows at the Gibson Aiken Center was approved by the Selectboard, the new windows have been ordered and will be installed on November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Pool Project – GS Bolton has completed some repairs and will return in the spring before the pool opens to complete the remaining repairs. The deck will need to be covered with plastic for protection during the winter.

**CAROL’S VACATION:** Carol will be on vacation in Ireland from December 20<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**17/18 BUDGET:** The 2017/18 budget has been level funded. The remaining Capital Projects left in the budget are:

- Roof replacement at the Gibson Aiken Center.
- Energy Study Improvements at the Rink.

**FYI UPDATE:**

- There are currently 6 Board Members, there has been some interest in joining the Board from a community member and a former Board Member may be making application to the Selectboard.
- Carol will be attending the Entertainment Show Case on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Leaf clean up in the parks will be happening in the next few weeks.
- The Christmas tree lighting in Pliny Park will be on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 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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