

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

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Large Conference Room.

**Attending Board Members:** Jess Gould, Renee Woliver, Ben Underhill, Ricky Davidson, Todd Fontaine 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 January 7, 2017 minutes was made by Renee Woliver and seconded by Ben Underhill by a vote of 6-0 the January minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE:** The BASIC Committee continues with fundraising efforts through a “You Caring” campaign and other local events. The Dog Park Committee is working with BUHS arts department to develop a logo for a sign at the park, the 5 finalists designs will be presented to the Board for final approval. Carol anticipates putting an RFP out in the spring for the fencing that will be needed to complete the project.

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:** All project at the park have been completed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PROGRAM REPORT:** (New Report Jan 9 – Feb 11)

- Open Gym and Game Room are being well attended.
- Parent/Tot Open Gym has 10-20 participants attending.
- Youth Basketball:
  - Kindergarten Basketball ends on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Co-ed Basketball ends on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Girls Basketball ends on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Girls 5/6 Basketball teams will participate in the Annual Vernon Tournament on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Girls 5/6 Basketball will participate in a skills and drills clinic with Jay Cudworth on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Boys Jr/Sr Pro season ended on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Adult Programs:
  - Zumba has had 45 participants and 1 punch pass has been sold.
  - Badminton has had 14 participants and 1 punch pass has been sold.
  - Volleyball has had 31 participants.
  - Table Tennis has had 14 participants.
- Nelson Withington Skating Facility attendance:
  - 485 Dollar day attendees.
  - 482 Resident student visits.
  - 239 Resident adult visits.
  - 90 Non-resident student visits.
  - 90 Non-resident adult visits.
  - 72 senior visits.
  - 16 Toddler visits.
  - 44 Stick Time visits.
  - 729 Skate Rentals.
- The Winter Carnival activities begin on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and will run through Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.
- On Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Carol attended the Stone Soup event at the American Legion to provide information to the public about Recreation & Parks and the Senior Center.
- The cell phone/tablet workshops continue bi-monthly meetings in the Senior Center.
- The Senior Center will be running a Heart Healthy event on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> with Bayada and Pine Heights.
- The Senior Center has a new Trip Coordinator, Kathryn Turnas.
- The AARP Tax assistance program is offering free tax help on Mondays and Wednesday's.

**SMALL FRY/LITTLE LEAGUE:** After meeting with member of the Little League Board we have been given new contact information, registration dates and try-out dates for Little League. The age ranges were set so that 5 & 6 year olds will play t-ball, 7-9 year olds will play Small Fry, however 9 year olds will have the opportunity to try-out for Little League, any 9 year olds who do not make Little League can return to play Small Fry if they wish to do so.

**BOYS/GIRLS LACROSSE:** The Rec & Parks Dept will continue to offer boys and girls Lacrosse to youth up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, it was determined that BAMS is not prepared to take on the middle school program yet, however they will assist in running the program this year. There will be changes made to the boys program to boost participation, some of those changes will include lowering the price for boys and not charging a rental fee for equipment.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Carol gave all Board Members a copy of the Annual Report submitted to the Town Manager for the Annual Town Meeting.

**CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:** Work should begin to complete the pool project in April.

**FYI UPDATE:**

- Tree work at the Common should be started in the next few weeks, this work will include removal of 4 trees and removing dead limbs from several others.

**PLAY INC:** For new Board Member Carol explained that Play Inc. is the non-profit side of Recreation & Parks that can fundraise. Annually Play Inc. fundraisers are Glo-light sales on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Duck Derby at Living Memorial Park.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Ben Underhill, 2nded by Ricky Davidson at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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