

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2019**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

Attending Board Members: Bethany Ranquist, 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 January 14, 2019 minutes was made by Bill Willson and seconded by Becky Day by a vote of 5-0 the January minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATEPARK UPDATE: The Skatepark has been put out to bid, bids are due on 3/27. Four local contractors have requested Bid Documents.

LMPSS: Living Memorial Parks Snow Sports is ready to move forward with permitting for proposed maintenance building at Living Memorial Park. The Rec & Parks Board approved the concept and location previously. The addition of this building at the Park will require an Act 250 Amendment, LMPSS will be working with local and state agencies for the permits needed to move forward with the building.

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES: (Jan 14 – Feb 11 & Feb 11 – Mar 11)

- BINGO – Nina Willson from Pine Heights had 10 participants.
- January Birthday Celebration – 30 lunch guests.
- February Birthday Celebration – 32 lunch guests.
- Lunch Time Entertainment with Gin Mill Bill (Wayne) – 30 & 25 lunch guests
- Great Courses – Story of the Human Language 15 & 35 participants.
- Monday Movie Matinee – 7 & 9 participants.
- Pickleball – 199 & 229 for each month.
- Cyndy Gray's Strength Training classes – 51 & 61 participants.
- Cyndy Gray's Blance & Flexability – 20 & 7 participants.
- Mixed Fiber Arts group – 29 & 33 participants.

- Bridge group – 42 & 44 participants.
- Writing group – 7 & 6 participants.
- Tai-Chi – 13 & 18 participants.
- Country Line Dancing – 44 & 46 participants.
- Basketball/walking – 1 participant.
- Table Tennis – no participants.
- Bocce – 5 & 11 participants.
- Bowling – 10 participants.
- Ice Skating – 12 participants.
- Meals – 372 & 328 lunches served.
- Oil Painting – 7 & 3 participants.
- Tell Group – 20 & 42 participants.
- AARP – taxes 9 & 45.
- AARP – Safe Driving 8 participants.
- Gregory Propster Award/Lunch 25 participants.
- Blood Pressure clinic – 4 participants.
- Bingo with Sarah – 12 participants.
- Medicare Minute – 15 & 10 participants.
- Tech Time with Sarah – 6 participants.
- VT/NH Footcare – 4 & 4 participants.

PROGRAM REPORT: (Jan 14 – Feb 11 & Feb 11 – Mar 11)

- Youth Basketball Programs:
 - The Charlie Sigging Jr/Sr Pro League (3rd – 6th grade boys) end the season on 2/9 with a bagle party that took place in the BUHS Multipurpose room. Players were treated to bagles, fresh fruit and drinks.
 - The 1st / 2nd grade co-ed basketball banquet was held on February 15th directly after their mini-games.
 - The 3rd / 6th grade girls basketball banquet was held on February 25th.
 - The 5th / 6th grade girls attended the annual Vernon tournament on Feb 24th & 25th.
 - The 3rd / 4th grade girls attended a tournament in Bernarston Mass, on Feb 24th & 25th.
- Adult Programing:
 - Badminton – 20 & 19 drop-ins.
 - Volleyball – 20 & 19 drop-ins.
 - Table Tennis – 20 & 20 drop-ins.
 - Pickleball – 12 & 4 drop-ins.
 - A new Zumba instructor has been found and the classes will be starting again on Mar. 4th.
- Open Gym & Game Room:
 - Mon, Wed & Friday (K-6) – 55 & 75 participants.
 - Tues, Thurs & Sat (7-12) – 68 & 47 participants.

- Vacation & Snow day (K-12) – 73 & 65 participants.
- Parent/Tot – Open Gym:
 - Monday & Thursday – 5-15 participants.
- Nelson Withington Skating Facility: (Jan 14 – Feb 11 & Feb 11 – Mar 11)
 - Dollar day visits: 482 & 384
 - Residents student visits: 422 & 215
 - Resident adult visits: 279 & 144
 - Non Resident student visits: 40 & 55
 - Non Resident adult visits: 68 & 55
 - Senior visits: 70 & 33
 - Resident stick time visits: 51 & 25
 - Non Resident stick time visits: 13 & 12
 - Skate Rentals: 729 & 557

The Nelson Withington Skating Facility closed for the season on March 3rd.

YOUTH LACROSSE: This year the 7th/8th grade Boys Lacrosse program will be coordinated and held at Brattleboro Area Middle School, the program for 3rd-6th grade boys will be held at West River Parks and coached by Bill Willson as part of Recreation and Parks Spring Programs. The girls program for 7th/8th grade will still be held at West River Parks and part of Recreation and Parks Spring Program, this will be a transition year for the girls program and next year the girls 7th/8th grade program will also be transitioned to Brattleboro Area Middle School as well. Going forward Recreation and Parks will continue a Lacrosse program for boys and girls in 3rd – 6th grade.

PICKLEBALL: The Pickleball program has been growing over the last few years. We have a large group of seniors that plays both inside and outside when the weather permits. The group approached Carol about the possibility of adding anti-glare window quits to all the windows in the gymnasium at the Gibson Aiken Center and adding more pickleball courts to the outside tennis courts at Living Memorial, nets and a storage bin to keep the equipment on site and protected. Based on the quotes that Carol received the requested improvement will about \$10,000.00 The pickleball organizers have been working with Carol and Sarah to host a tournament on March 30th, the tournament will be for intermediate and advanced level players. In addition to the tournament the players along with Carol have organized a fundraising drive and have already received over \$7000 in donation and pledges to complete the improvements.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS: Now that the rink has closed for the season GPI will complete the insulation installation.

FYI UPDATE:

- Melansons will be installing raised flashing on the back side of the roof at the Gibson Aiken Center to help control water run off and erosion.
- Carol has been working with LMP Snow Sport and the Music Center to coordinate and control parking during events and night skiing.

- A new sign has been placed at the sledding hill to discourage people from using homemade ski bike or other inappropriate sledding equipment.
- Cemetery Maintenance bids were opened on March 6th, Carol will be going before the Selectboard for approval of the Bid.
- The BUHS girls hockey team made it to the semi-final round of the season, we hosted the semi-final at the Nelson Withington Skating Facility game on March 8th.
- Carol has continued to work with the Police Department and DPW on the request for changes at the park to help reduce speed of drivers in the park.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jess Gould, 2nded by Bethany Ranquist at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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