

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2018**

**ALL MINUTES ARE CONSIDERED DRAFT MINUTES UNTIL NEXT
MEETING**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

Attending Board Members: Ricky Davidson, Bethany Ranquist, Jessica Gould, 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 December 11, 2017 minutes was made by Jessica Gould and seconded by Todd Fontaine by a vote of 5-0 the December minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK UPDATE: The next BASIC meeting is scheduled for March 13th. They have received a response from the Tarent Foundation Challenge grant that will run during May & June. The Committee is also working on a go fund me campaign and a fundraising letter campaign.

The Dog Park will reopen as soon as the weather permits, a ribbon cutting will be scheduled after the park opens for the season.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The Park has been closed for the winter. The Committee has scheduled final wrap up meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES:

- Kathryn Einig a local Massage Therapist has started offering her services at the Senior Center her next visit is scheduled for March 27th.
- The Senior Meals will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage for St. Patrick's Day on March 15th.
- The Senior Pickleball group continues to have an issue with glare on the floor from the windows, Jessy is working with the group to find an acceptable solution to the problem.

- Senior Softballers will be running a wiffleball group on Thursdays beginning this Spring.

PROGRAM REPORT:

- The basketball programs have wrapped up for the season.
- The indoor Soccer program started on March 5th:
 - K-2 is full at 26.
 - 3-4 has 2 enrolled, hopefully this number will increase with better weather.
 - 5-6 has 2 enrolled, hopefully this number will increase with better weather.
- Spring sports registration was on March 7th & 8th, due to the snow storm we have extended the registration through March 12th, late fees will be assessed on March 13th.
- Current youth spring registration numbers:
 - Girls Lacrosse (3rd-5th): 6
 - Girls Lacrosse (5th-8th): 12
 - Boys Lacrosse (3rd-4th): 2
 - Boys Lacrosse (5th-8th): 4
 - T-Ball: 38
 - Small Fry: 69
 - Softball: 6
- We will be hosting a Chess Tournament is scheduled for March 24th for youth K-8th grade.
- Adult and Evening programing: (Feb 12 – Mar 12)
 - Zumba has had 18 participants.
 - Badminton has had 22 participants.
 - Volleyball has had 28 participants.
 - Pickleball has had 34 participants.
 - Table Tennis has had 15 participants.
- Daily Open Gym and Game room are being well attended.
- Parent-tot/Open Gym have 5-20 participants per day.
- Nelson Withington Skating Facility: (Feb 12 – Mar 12)
 - Dollar day visits: 465
 - Residents student visits: 321
 - Resident adult visits: 173
 - Non Resident student visits: 55
 - Non Resident adult visits: 49
 - Senior visits: 51
 - Resident stick time visits: 35
 - Non Resident stick time visits: 14
 - Skate Rentals: 647

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- Gibson Aiken Center Window project has been completed.
- Pool Project – The plastic will be removed from the pool deck as soon as the snow melts.

17/18 BUDGET: The 2017/18 budget has been level funded, there are two Capital Projects still included in the budget:

- Repair of the Gibson Aiken Center roof at \$115,000.00.
- Energy efficacy improvements at the Skating Rink \$99,000.00, that includes insulation in the locker rooms, warming shelter, air sealing, programmable ice controls, and H2O Votrex Water treatment.

FYI UPDATE:

- The Gibson Aiken Center need to have an emergency roof repair for some leaking.
- The Zamboni need to have an emergency repair to the radiator.
- The Senior Center now has two space heaters to help keep the center warmer during the lunch hour, Carol is working getting quotes on other long term options.
- Charlie Siggins has retired from our JR/SR Pro basketball program, he was honor with a gift at the final games this year on February 10th.
- Pure Green Tee's got the annual tee shirt bid this year.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bill Wilson, 2nded by Todd Fontaine at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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