

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

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

Attending Board Members: Jess Gould, Renee Woliver, Ben Underhill, Ricky Davidson 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 February 13, 2017 minutes was made by Ben Underhill and seconded by Bill Willson by a vote of 5-0 the February minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: The BASIC Committee will meet on March 16th at 5:30pm for a fundraising work bee and the regular meeting will follow at 6:30pm. The dog park committee will be working with Carol on the RFP for fencing. It is expected that in April the dog park Committee will have 5 logo's for the Board to review.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: All projects at the park have been completed. The park will be opening in mid April.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT: (New Report Feb 11 – Mar 10)

- Open Gym and Game Room are being well attended.
- Parent/Tot Open Gym has 10-20 participants attending.
- Youth programs:
 - Tee-ball 31 participants
 - Small Fry 60 participants
 - Softball 14 participants
 - Girls Lacrosse 40 participants
 - Boys Lacrosse 16 participants
- Indoor Soccer:
 - K-2 grade 26 participants
 - 3-4 grade 10 participants

- 5-6 grade 1 participant - going to see if we have more sign ups the 15th must have 6 to continue program.

- Adult Programs:
 - Zumba has had 35 participants and 1 punch pass has been sold.
 - Badminton has had 6 participants and 1 punch pass has been sold.
 - Volleyball has had 11 participants.
 - Table Tennis has had 10 participants.
- Nelson Withington Skating Facility attendance:
 - 383 Dollar day attendees.
 - 278 Resident student visits.
 - 154 Resident adult visits.
 - 39 Non-resident student visits.
 - 31 Non-resident adult visits.
 - 37 senior visits.
 - 7 Toddler visits.
 - 4 Stick Time visits.
 - 490 Skate Rentals.

- The Chess Tournament is scheduled for March 25th for youth in grades K – 8th.
- The Senior Center has a St. Patrick's Day meal scheduled for March 16th.
- Jessie was invited to attend a meeting about "Reframing Aging" in Waterbury on March 21st.
- AARP will be hosting an AARP Smart Driver Program in the Senior Center on March 28th.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS: G.S. Bolton will be back in April to complete the Pool Project.

FYI UPDATE:

- Tree work at the Common has started, this work will include removal of 4 trees and removing dead limbs from several others.
- New scoreboard for lower field has been ordered and should be delivered by May 18th. This was made possible with a donation from Brattleboro Area Realty.
- Gibson Aiken Center has had some roof damage with most recent wind storms, the damage was repaired to preserve the decking, and Carol will be following up with roofing company.
- Two tree on the upper field have been identified as dangerous and will need to be removed.
- The tee-shirt bid for out sports programs has been awarded to Pure Green Tee's.
- The Gymnastics program is looking into adding classes and increasing limits to help accommodate increased participation due to the closing of Woodman's Athletics.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jess Gould, 2nded by Ben Underhill at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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