

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2016**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference room.

Attending Board Members: Todd Fontaine, Sam Rowley, Jessica Gould and Bill Wilson.

Attending Staff members: Director, Carol Lolatte Assistant Director Jessy Cudworth and Administrative Assistant, Kim Isaacsen.

Agenda Adjustment: None

Public Participation: None

Both the Chair and Vice Chair were not present for the meeting, Jessica Gould made a nomination that Sam Rowley Chair the meeting, the nomination was seconded by Bill Gould, Sam accepted the nomination and all Board members voted in favor of the meeting chair.

Minutes: Motion to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes with no changes was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Jessica Gould by a vote of 4-0 the February minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE: The BASIC Committee is working with Marquise & Murano on the final design of additional recreation structures at LMP as it relates to the Dog Park/Skatepark project, including storm water discharge. The Committee has applied for a grant and is working on a video to be used for fundraising. The Dog Park Citizens Group had a flyer in all dog license renewal notices that were mailed to dog owners by the Town Clerk and those flyers are generating donations for the park and they have applied for two grants.

WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE: The next meeting is March 21st when the Committee will review the final seating plan for the softball viewing area. The bid for the viewing area will go out in the spring for work to be completed in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Spring sports registration was held on March 9th & 10th, numbers are slightly lower than last year but registration is one week earlier than last year.
- Youth Indoor Soccer started March 7th.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 26th, in the event of rain the hunt will be in the skating rink.
- The Youth Chess Tournament is scheduled for March 26th in the Senior Center.
- We will be at the Summer Camp Fair April 1st at the River Garden.

SUPER BIKE FUN DAY: The Rec and Parks Department is working with Kiwanis, Brattleboro Police Department and Safe Kids at Living Memorial Park to provide a fun day to learn about bike safety. Normally this event is held on the Friday of April vacation, but due to the request of the volunteers this event has been moved to Saturday April 23rd.

TEE-BALL AND SMALL FRY RULES:

- This year in our Tee-Ball program players will be receiving live pitches as well as hitting off the tee.
- Little League has made some age changes, they will have 2 levels (9 & 10 year olds and 11 & 12 year olds) of players and nine year olds are eligible to play Little League this year.
- The Recreation and Parks Department will be running the Small Fry program, this program was previously run by a Board of Volunteers which was under the department's direction.

SOFTBALL FIELDS: Due to work completed last fall large snow fence has been place around the lower softball field along with signage to keep players off the field. The lower field will remain closed until June 24th to give the new grass time to grow and take root.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11th at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Todd Fontaine, 2nded by Jessica Gould at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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