

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
May 13, 2019**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

**Attending Board Members:** Bethany Ranquist, Bill Willson, Jess Gould, Conor Floyd 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 March 11, 2019 minutes was made by Jessica Gould and seconded by Becky Day by a vote of 5-0 the March minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SKATEPARK UPDATE:** The Skatepark bids came in at \$93,000.00 over the estimated costs. After an indepth review of the bid documents Carol will work with the design firm, Department of Public Works and local contractors in an attempt to lower the over all project costs. This is being done with additional grant funding, material discounts and in-house staffing assistance. The project will be re-bid as soon as Carol can finalize the porition of work to be completed by town staff, donations of material and design changes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES: (Mar 11 – Apr 8 & Feb 8 – May 10)**

- BINGO – Nina Willson from Pine Heights had 8 participants.
- March Birthday Celebration – 53 lunch guests.
- May Birthday Celebration – 38 lunch guests.
- Lunch Time Entertainment with Gin Mill Bill (Wayne) – 42 lunch guests
- Great Courses – Story of the Human Language 35 & 23 participants.
- Monday Movie Matinee – 11 & 10 participants.
- Pickleball – 292 & 259 for each month.
- Cyndy Gray’s Strength Training classes – 55 & 76 participants.
- Cyndy Gray’s Blance & Flexability – 17 & 18 participants.
- Basketball & Walking - 1
- Mixed Fiber Arts group – 34 & 42 participants.
- Bridge group – 33 & 43 participants.
- Writing group – 4 & 11 participants.

- Tai-Chi – 14 & 9 participants.
- Country Line Dancing – 33 & 55 participants.
- Table Tennis – 2 participants.
- Bocce – 11 participants.
- Bowling – Unknown.
- Meals – 328 & 378 lunches served.
- Oil Painting – 9 & 12 participants.
- Tell Group – 63 & 31 participants.
- AARP – taxes 50.
- AARP – Caregivers 21 participants.
- AARP – The Opioid Crisis – 45 participants.
- Blood Pressure clinic – 2 & 16 participants.
- Bingo with Sarah – 12 participants.
- Medicare Minute – 5 & 16 participants.
- Tech Time with Sarah – 2 participants.
- VT/NH Footcare – 4 participants.
- Water Color Painting – 14 & 39 participants.
- Health Care Advocates – 8 participants.
- Senior Solutions – 15 participants.
- The Gathering Place – 4 participants.
- VT Legal Aid – 5 participants.
- Brattleboro Police Dept Safety Talks (3) – 43 participants.
- Brattleboro Hospice/Advance Directives – 15 participants.
- Genna Vinson Twomey – 13 participants.
- Nutritions with Chris Ellis – 22 participants.
- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch – 71 participants.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** (Mar 11 – Apr 8 & Apr 8 – May 13)

- Youth Programs:
  - Small Fry – 86 participants with 6 teams
  - Tee-ball – 59 participants with 4 teams
  - Softball – 19 participants with 1 team
  - Boys Lacrosse – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> - 8 participants
  - Girls Lacrosse
    - 3-4<sup>th</sup> – 8 participants
    - 5-6<sup>th</sup> – 18 participants
    - 7-8<sup>th</sup> – 18 participants
  - Gymnastics – 131 participants in 15 classes
  - Chess Classes:
    - Beginner – 4 participants
    - Intermediate – 4 participants
    - Advanced – 2 participants
  
- Adult Programing:

- Badminton – 13 & 20 drop-ins.
- Volleyball – 19 & 12 drop-ins.
- Table Tennis – 16 & 9 drop-ins.
- Pickleball – 22 & 11 drop-ins.
- Zumba – 6 & 8 drop-ins.
- Open Gym & Game Room:
  - Mon, Wed & Friday (K-6) – 72 & 30 participants.
  - Tues, Thurs & Sat (7-12) – 78 & 19 participants.
- Parent/Tot – Open Gym:
  - Monday & Thursday – 5-15 participants.

Special Events over April vacation included the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Super Fun Bike Day, Bowling Day and Pitch, Hit & Run.

The Summer Registration Extravaganza is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 6:00pm.

**DISC GOLF:** The Rotary received a grant for improvements to the Disc Golf course. The improvements will include new tee pads with turf and upgrades to the shelter.

**PICKLEBALL:** The Pickleball Tournament was a fun filled day for the participants. The Committee is considering hosting tournaments in the future. The group raised over \$10,000.00 toward the improvements. All the outside improvements have been completed and the anti-glare window shades will be installed as soon as scheduling permits.

**CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:**

- GPI has started the insulation installation at the skating rink.
- The Gibson Aiken Center roof will have 2 drains installed in the back of the roof near the parking lot do accomidate the drainage needed for the roof.

**FYI UPDATE:**

- The gazbo at the S. Main st park has been removed.
- Prospect Hill Cemetery had some sink holes develop over the winter, the sink holes have been repaired.
- Green St Promise Community Grant has scheduled a grand opening for the painting that will be placed in the park on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.
- All fields are open for the season.
- Kiwanis Shelter will open May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A bench will be placed at West River Park in the Softball viewing are in memory of Ben Underhill.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kimberly Isaacsen*

Kimberly Isaacsen, Administrative Assistant