

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
May 8, 2017**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, May 8, 2017 at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Large Conference Room.

**Attending Board Members:** Ben Underhill, Ricky Davidson, Bethany Ranquist, Jess Gould and Bill Willson.

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

**Agenda Adjustment:** Move Dog Park to top of the agenda.

**Public Participation:** Rachel Selsky

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes was made by Ben Underhill and seconded by Bill Wilson by a vote of 5-0 the March minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DOG PARK/SKATEPARK PROPOSAL UPDATE:** The revised logos from the BUHS students were presented to the Board by Rachel Selsky, no decision was made. The Board made a few more suggestions about the design and font being used. Rachel will bring requests back the students and present changes at the June Board meeting. The Board reviewed the rules that will be used on signs in the park and will discuss further at the next meeting. Bids for the Dog Park fencing are due on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 vendors were present for the mandatory walk around on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

BASIC Committee continues to work on fundraising and the Committee has applied for 3 grants.

**WEST RIVER PARK UPDATE:** The Park is open and park maintenance is working on grass, they have fertilized and seeded the new seating area behind the backstop.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PROGRAM REPORT:** (New Report Apr 8 – May 5)

- Open Gym and Game Room programs ended April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent/Tot Open Gym program ended April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth programs:
  - Tee-ball 52 participants on 4 teams.
  - Small Fry 87 participants on 6 teams.
  - Softball 17 participants on 1 team.
  - Girls Lacrosse 52 participants (3 age groups).
  - Boys Lacrosse 21 participants (3 age groups).

- Pitch, Hit & Run had 5 participants.
  - The Easter Egg Hunt had 250 participants.
  - Super Fun Bike Day had 100 participants.
- Summer Registration Extravaganza is May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 6pm.
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> schedule was given to the Board for review.
  - The Annual Senior Meals Volunteer Lunch was on April 27<sup>th</sup> and over 60 people were in attendance.
  - Billiard lessons in the Senior Center will be starting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - May is Older Americans Months and Jessy has been getting the word out with signage throughout the Senior Center.
  - Windham Walkers the Senior Hiking group will be going on their first hike on May 19<sup>th</sup>, they are planning to hike the Retreat Trails.
  - The Senior Corp. has requested funds from the Ray Riddle Trust to make flooring up grades in the side rooms and bathrooms, Jessy will have more information regarding the upgrades after the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:**

- G.S. Bolton is back on site at the pool and will complete the project before the pool is scheduled to open on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Carol will be working on an RFP for the phase three of the window project at the Gibson Aiken Center.
- The Parking Lot is scheduled for repair in late summer, Carol continues work closely with seniors to keep them up to date on when the repairs will take place.
- Gibson Aiken Center roof repairs will be completed when the weather permits.

#### **FYI UPDATE:**

- The Summer Food kick off on June 26<sup>th</sup> will be held at Living Memorial Park, with free swimming for volunteers after lunch.
- The new water slide for the pool has been ordered and should arrive before the end of May, the price for the new slide was lower than expected, and the additional grant money will be used to purchase a small slide to be used in the wading pool.
- The Disc Golf Course- The baskets that were removed for the winter have been put back in place and is ready for use. The Rotary Club held a spring cleanup day, they completed necessary repairs to tee & green's and put the course back in place for the summer.
- All Youth Sports games and Adult Softball Leagues started games on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The tennis courts and basketball court at Living Memorial Park and basketball courts at Crowell lot will be repaired on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, the Vermont Community Foundation Withington Fund made a donation to have this work completed.
- All Summer Staff have been hired, summer staff training, first aid and CPR have been scheduled for all Summer Staff.

- Fletchers tree service from Putney has offered to complete some tree work at Crowell lot free of charge, Carol and Paul Ethier will coordinate with them on having some tree work completed.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Ben Underhill, 2nded by Bethany Ranquist at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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