

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2020**

NOTE: Per the “Stay Home – Stay Safe” order issued by Governor Scott on July 13, 2020, this meeting was held remotely with no physical location using GoToMeeting.

Attending Board Members: Ricky Davidson, Bill Willson, Gary Stroud, Jess Gould, Allegra Carignan 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 June 8, 2020 minutes was made by Bill Willson and seconded by Becky Day by a vote of 6-0 the June minutes were approved.

Election of Officers: After the meeting was called to order Carol Lolatte requested nominations for the Chair, Ricky Davidson was nominated by Becky Day, 2nd by Jess Gould. Ricky accepted the nomination and by a vote of 5-0 Ricky was voted into the position of Chair. Ricky then asked for nominations for the Vice-chair, Bill Willson was nominated by Becky Day, 2nd by Ricky Davidson and Bill Willson accepted the nomination and by a vote of 5-0 Bill was voted into the position Vice-chair.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATEPARK UPDATE: The project has started; it is progressing on schedule. The contractor has been working closely with Dept of Public Works trucking in materials from Cersosimo and they have started pouring some of the concrete.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATES:

- The Swimming Pool at Living Memorial Park opened for the season on June 20th.
 - There are two general swim session daily, 1:00 – 4:00 pm and 5:00 – 8:00 pm.
 - The day camp program has two swim session daily that take place before the pool opens to the public daily.
 - Attendance is lower than normal, but there have been a total of 1041 swimmers in the first 18 days.

- The Day Camp program started on June 22nd, camps are running at 70% of the lower capacity.
 - There is still room in all camps that are running.
- The Assistant Director is working on plans to re-open the Senior Center.
- The Meals on Wheels program is still serving 150 meals daily.
- Men's Softball League started on July 6th.
 - They have 18 teams with 294 players.
 - They have changed to a one pitch format.
 - They are playing two games per night using the Upper Field and West River Park.
- Basketball courts at Crowell Lot and Living Memorial Park remain closed at this time.
- Restroom at Living Memorial Park and West River Park are now open to the public.
- All five playground have opened with signs encouraging users to wash and sanitize hands before and after using equipment.
- We are now taking reservation for the Kiwanis Shelter and Parks, provided social distancing and group size restrictions can be meet.
- All seasonal staff has started working.
- The pool staff created a video showing the steps being taken daily to provide a safe and sanitized environment at the pool, it has been shared on Facebook to encourage people to come use the pool.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES: At the meeting Carol reviewed the report submitted by Assistant Director Sarah Clark. Attached Report 1 ~ Senior Center Program Report.

- The report includes details on how the Senior Center restart will look.
- Outdoor programing that includes Pickleball, Tennis and Softball started on June 29th.

PROGRAM REPORT: At the meeting Carol reviewed the report submitted by Program Coordinator Erin Cooke. Attached Report 2 ~ Program Report (June 9 ~ July 13).

- The report includes camp enrollment number, adjustments have been made to staff schedules to accommodate lower enrollment numbers.
- Gymnastics is running two session of camp daily, the gymnastics center is being disinfected between each session of camp with use of a fogger that sprays a fine mist over all the equipment. The product is safe for all the different surfaces in the gymnastics center.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- A Gaga pit has been added to the playground area at Living Memorial Park. Gaga ball is a safer version of dodge ball, played in the pit.
- Pickleball lines will be permanently added the gymnasium floor during the re-finishing process this year, the re-finishing should be completed in late August after all camps finish running.

FYI UPDATE:

- Thank you to Board Member Bethany Ranquist for coming through with over 100 masks for campers and staff.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jessica Gould, 2nded by Gary Stroud at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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