

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2020**

NOTE: Per the “Stay Home – Stay Safe” order issued by Governor Scott on August 10, 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, Bethany Ranquist 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 July 13, 2020 minutes was made by Jess Gould and seconded by Gary Stroud by a vote of 7-0 the July minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATEPARK UPDATE: Parker Construction with DMI as one of their sub-contractors started the Skatepark Project the week of June 15TH. Currently everything has been progressing nicely.

All formwork has been fabricated.

- The Upper Plaza quarter pipe is shaped and the coping has been installed.
- Both hubba ledges are formed, the C channel has been welded/installed and poured, and all metal has been primed and painted with 2 coats. Some touch up is needed
- All the grades and all features are established
- The bowl is all shaped, the coping has been installed and rebar is currently being installed.
- The A-Frame feature is shaped and ready for rebar. The A -frame rail is fabricated and ready for installation.
- The ledge C - Chanel is all welded, the form is built and ready for installation.
- The quarter pipe at the bottom of the park is all shaped, and the coping has been installed.

- Bonus feature (China Bank) has been shaped, formed, poured (shotcrete) along with being troweled. All the labor and materials were donated by Parker Construction.
- The coping has been shaped and installed for the bonus pocket which connects the quarter pipe to the bank. This feature is another donation by Parker Construction Inc.
- A Majority of earthwork completed - features, grading and swale is still a work in progress.
- The stair rail and flat rail are both fabricated and ready for installation.

SKATEPARK NAMING: The BASIC Committee submitted a naming request to the Rec & Parks Board, the recommendation was to name the Skatepark Perseverance Skatepark. After a brief discussion Board Member Gary Stroud made a motion to accept the name Perseverance Skatepark, the motion was 2nded by Jess Gould and all Board Members voted (7-0) in favor of the name Perseverance Skatepark.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 UPDATES:

- The Swimming Pool at Living Memorial Park will close for the season on August 16th.
- Summer programing is wrapping up, both Day Camp and Gymnastics Camp have added an additional week of camp to accommodate the later start date of schools.
- The Meals on Wheels program is still serving 150 meals daily.
- Men's Softball League started on July 6th.
- All Facilities and parks are open except for Basketball courts at Living Memorial Park and Crowell Lot.
- 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.

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

PROGRAM REPORT: At the meeting Carol reviewed the report submitted by Program Coordinator Erin Cooke. Attached Report 2 ~ Program Report (July 13 ~ Aug 10).

GOTOMEETING VS. ZOOM: The Selectboard recently made a change from Gotomeeting to Zoom for public meetings. After some discussion about both formats Board Member Bethany Ranquist made a motion to switch formats from Gotomeetings to Zoom, the motion was 2nded by Becky Day, all Board Members voted (7-0) in favor of the change to Zoom.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- Pickleball lines will be permanently added the gymnasium floor during the re-finishing process this year, the re-finishing will be completed September 8th – 10th.

RINK SCHEDULE: Carol presented the Board with the 2020/21 Ice time schedule and memo that outlines the requested changes from our regular user groups, double headers for BUHS, BHA will not be their annual tournament, the Annual Ice Show request from the Figure Skaters Club and rate changes. Board Member Allegra Carignan made a motion to accept the current Ice Time schedule as presented, Bethany Ranquist 2nd the motion and all Board Members voted (7-0) in favor of the 2020/21 Ice Time schedule.

FYI UPDATE:

- The Creamery Bridge riverbank work continues Longview Forestry will be spraying for invasive vegetation in the next few weeks.
- After significant vandalism and theft around the area of the Creamery Bridge the town will be installing security lighting in and around the bridge to help deter further theft and vandalism.
- New Fiber Optic lines will be installed at Living Memorial Park in the next few weeks.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bethany Ranquist, 2nded by Jess Gould at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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