

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2019**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, August 8, 2019 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

Attending Board Members: Ricky Davidson, 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 July 8, 2019 minutes was made by Becky Day and seconded by Jess Gould by a vote of 5-0 the July minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATEPARK UPDATE: Two bids were received for the project re-bid, both bids were significantly higher than anticipated cost of the project. Both bids have been rejected and the project will go back out to bid in the Fall for a Spring project.

DUCK DERBY: The Annual Duck Derby was held on August 7th. A total of 1106 ducks were sold and over 40 prizes were awarded to the winners. Due to the weather a few changes were made to the day, we had to cancel the entertainment and food. The ducks were released into the wading pool and retrieved by kids who came to the pool for the afternoon. A good time was had by all who attended the event.

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES: At the meeting Carol reviewed the report submitted by Assistant Director Sarah Clark. Attached Report 1 ~ Senior Center Program Report (July 8 – August 9).

PROGRAM REPORT: At the meeting Carol reviewed the report submitted by Program Coordinator Erin Cooke. Attached Report 2 ~ Program Report (July 8 – August 12).

- The Pool will close for the season on August 18th
- The Second Annual Doggie Plunge is scheduled for August 19th.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS: After several reports of excessive drinking during tournament play, leading to safety concerns, Carol spoke at length about the problems during the last Board meeting. Carol has spoken with the Town Manager and Police Chief regarding the issue, the Police department has stepped up patrols during Tournament and Carol has also been visiting the parks during Tournament play to assess the concerns of drinking in a public park. Going forward this season some new policies have been put in place to help address concerns with individuals renting the fields for Softball Tournaments. During the Spring at the beginning of the season Carol will re-visit the issue with Men's and Women's League Softball if this problem continues during next season it will be addressed at that time.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- GPI has scheduled the installation of the insulation at the skating rink to begin early September.
- The Pool Deck project will begin on August 19th, LaRock Construction will be the contractor.
- The Gymnasium floor at the Gibson Aiken Center will be refinished on Sept 3-5th, the Gym will be closed until October 1st.

FYI UPDATE:

- The Senior Center will be closed from Sept 9th – Sept 14th, for the Kitchen Floor replacement.
- There was a tree hit by lightning on the Common, Carol has spoken with the tree board, the tree will need to be removed as it has become dangerous.
- Phase 2 of the Creamery Birdge project will begin in September. Dan Healy from Long View Forest will coordinate the project.
- The Board Members like the Speed bump that has been installed on Guilford st., they feel like it's slowing traffic down and were happy to hear that more will be installed on Guilford st. and in Living Memorial Park.
- Porta Potty update- They are installed and reports appear favorable. The Board would like monthly updates on the porta potts.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 6:15p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jess Gould, 2nded by Becky Day at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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