

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO  
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
August 13, 2018**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Gibson Aiken Center.

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

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

**Agenda Adjustment:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes was made by Bethany Ranquist and seconded by Jess Gould by a vote of 5-0 the July minutes were approved with a few minor spelling corrections.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DOG PARK/SKATEPARK UPDATE:** Carol held a kick-off meeting with two member of the Santec design team. The Visioning Design Community meetings will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Senior Center at the Gibson Aiken Center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES:**

- August 21<sup>st</sup> is National Senior Day, there will be an Ice Cream Social for the Seniors after lunch on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- New England Wellness Group will be offering a meditation program in the Senior Center.
- On September 24<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Einig will be back offering Chair Massage to Seniors.
- The Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> also.
- We are sad to report that a long time member and volunteer of the Senior Center passed away earlier this month.

**PROGRAM REPORT:**

- The Duck Derby was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, over 1,100 ducks were sold and over 45 prizes given away to the lucky duck owners.
- August 10<sup>th</sup> was the final TGIF performance, an average of 75-100 people attended the weekly TGIF performances.
- The Final performer for Arts in the Park “Tropical Sensations” were able to perform in the park, an average of 40-50 people attended the weekly performances.
- Our last day of summer day camp was August 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 71 participants in week 5 and 65 participants in week 6.
- Fall Activity registration will be on August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.
- New programs for the fall include a pre-school soccer program and NFL flag football.
- The swimming pool closes for the season on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
- On Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> the pool will be open for a fund raising event co-hosted by the Brattleboro Rec & Parks and the Windham Humane Society.

**DOG PLUNGE:** The Windham Humane Society and the Rec & Parks Department are co-hosting a fund raising event at the Living Memorial Park Swimming Pool on August 20<sup>th</sup> for the dogs. The dogs will be given an opportunity to enter and swim in the pool, the Humane Society will handle all the reservation and volunteer’s need, the Rec and Parks will provide lifeguard and the pool. We look forward to working together to host this event for the community, if we are successful this year we will try to make this an annual event.

**CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:**

- The Roof at the Gibson Aiken Center is complete.
- No bids were received for the Insulation project at the skating rink, due to the nature of the work this work was able to be included on other town projects included in the energy efficiencies work.

**FYI UPDATE:**

- The Green Street Promise group has received grants for park improvements at Crowell Lot and the Elliot St Park, Carol is working with the directors to plan the improvements to the parks. The improvements include, benches, new trash cans, new playground equipment, removal of the old swing set in Crowell Lot, new swing matting, and playground impact chips.
- Carol and the LMPSS Board went before the Selectboard to renew their contract with the town.
- The Maintenance has been given the responsibility of maintain the bank area around the Citizens Bridge and the Creamery Bridge.
- The new fencing for the S. Main Street park will be installed soon.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Jessica Gould, 2nded by Conor Floyd at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kimberly Isaacsen*  
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