

**TOWN OF BRATTLEBORO
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2018**

The Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Board met on Monday, September 10, 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 August 13, 2018 minutes was made by Bill Willson and seconded by Jess Gould by a vote of 5-0 the August minutes were approved with a few minor spelling corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

SKATEPARK UPDATE: The first public meeting was held on August 22nd, it was attended by 15-20 community members. There was a lot of positive feedback and design ideas from community members. The next public meeting will be held on September 20th, the design of the skatepark should be appropriate for beginner and intermediate riders. The design firm Stantec should have 2 or 3 plans of the park for the public to review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES:

- Sept 19th a member of the Ombudsman Project will be here to explain what the program offers.
- Pine Heights BINGO will be hosted by Nina Willson on September 20th.
- Walgreen's will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Monday Sept 24th.
- The book club will be hosting another book discussion about the book Prairie Fires by Caroline Fraser on Sept 27th.

- The TELL group is having a discussion on panhandling in Brattleboro, the Police Department has been asked to join the group discussion.

PROGRAM REPORT:

- Soccer Program:
 - Pre-K has 31 participants – due to the overwhelming interest we will need to add another session next year.
 - Kindergarten - 41 participants – 2 sessions
 - Grades 1 & 2 – 50 participants – 5 teams
 - Grades 3 & 4 – 35 participants – 3 or 4 teams
 - Grades 5 & 6 – 30 participants – 2 teams
 - Practices for all teams start the week of the 10th and games will start on the 22nd.
- Field Hockey – 17 participants practices started on the 6th and games begin on the 22nd.
- Flag Football – 46 participants have registered from grades 3-6, the program started on the 9th at BUHS.

DOG PLUNGE: The dog plunge was attended by 35 dogs, the dogs and owners had a great time. We hope to hold and expand the event for 2019.

DISC GOLF: Rotary received a \$6800.00 grant for improvements to the course, up grades will include more durable golf tee's, new benches, repairs to tee boxes and the shelter between holes 12 & 13.

BOARD VACANCY: An announcement has been made by the Selectboard that we have a Board Vacancy that needs to be filled.

CAPTIAL IMPROVMENTS:

- The insulation installation at the rink and warming shelter has been added to other similar energy efficiency project being completed by GPI for the town.
- The Air Curtin for the back door at the Senior Center to help prevent heat loss is in and will be installed before winter.
- The Main Gym floor has been refinished and the Gym will remain locked until the first week in October.

FYI UPDATE:

- The Green Street Promise group has ordered new trash and recycling bins, Wayside fence has been contrated to install new chain link and split rail fencing before winter, new picnic tables and benches have been ordered, the swing set and new swing mats have been ordered, other new playground equipment has been ordered and the playground chips have been ordered. Carol will continue to work with the Green Street Promise director to coorindate details as the work is completed, this project is on a very tight timeline to be completed.
- We have been asked by the BABB/DBA to join together for the Horribles Parade and add some activies that will include businesses along the Parade route.

- The Creamery Bridge bank maintenance will be a large undertaking to remove all the invasive weeds, Carol is working with the Farmers Market and neighbors to find a suitable solution. Carol is also working with Long View Forest Woodland Services to complete the work.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jessica Gould, 2nded by Bethany Ranquist at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Isaacsen

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