

## Parks and Rec. Meeting Minutes 05/12/25

In Attendance: Apryl Blood, Scott Blasingame, Ericka Carr, Tim Blagden, Alfred Hanson (selectboard rep). and potential new members Buzz Whalen and Sharon Nicosia

Approve Minutes: Minutes from 4/14/25 approved

Public Works Updates:

*Riverside Park is having some struggles with maintenance to start the season, working with Public Works to resolve issues.*

The DPW (Department of Public Works) crew did not set up ball fields properly, but the work needed supervision and to be re-done. The measurements for the bases were incorrect and the fences were not put up properly.

Alfred stated that the services P&R (Parks and Recreation) is receiving is not worth the money (inefficient). He suggested P&R should go to an outside firm to get this work done. Apryl stated that this would be cost prohibitive and would not be approved by the Budget Committee. Much discussion ensued on if this was feasible or not. Apryl stated that she thought things would be better if P&R had a dedicated person like in the past. She has discussed hiring for a position with DPW's Tim Allen, but it has not gone anywhere yet. In the end, Alfred felt strongly that P&R should prepare a Scope of Work and go out to bid to outside firms.

Treasurer Update:

Revolving Account Balance is \$ 8260.41 (May 2025)

Board Positions:

*Discuss roles for the board with potential new members coming to the meeting. We have Secretary, VP, and board member. Go over the roles for each and overview in general with the commission.*

The different roles were explained to the attendees.

Budget:

*Start updating new year prices with the following to be evaluated: resurfacing schedule for Riverside Park. This will be done when Vermont Resurfacing comes to add the extra pickle ball court.*

On schedule to go ahead as planned.

Additional discussion was brought up regarding the use of the budget by P&R by Alfred. He asked when football and soccer start. They start mid-August and when

school starts, respectively. He asked when the board is at its busiest and Apryl responded that it is Spring for getting baseball and softball going and in the Fall for budgeting. June and July are not busy times for the board, but the parks get high usage during that time for non-organized activities.

Alfred asked who turns on the lights. Apryl answered that is DPW.

Alfred asked the total number of kids using the fields for organized sports. P&R board did not have an exact number, but estimated it could be 800 or higher.

#### Bagley Park:

*Snack shack rehab/paint to start soon.*

New contract needs to be executed since we are in a new year now.

#### Riverside Park:

*Skateboard Park, HS Art Teacher update: Paint supplies have been ordered, spring 2025 is the anticipated completion.*

June 4, 2025 is the planned field trip day for the art students to paint their mural.

Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing been confirmed for work to be completed of adding additional pickle ball court lines. We will also get an estimate for when re-surfacing should be in the budget.

Windscreens were installed around tennis court and the 2 youth fields with games this year. We have a 3<sup>rd</sup> screen for middle field, we will install when needed.

Park Cleanup – Park cleanup will work out best day in May. Dugout painting day is still TBD.

We will add other HS community service opportunities. Projects are added throughout the season as they arise. Will email HS coordinator to circulate to students.

#### Silver Lake:

*Check on aerator, and if need any more muck pellets.*

Needs to be done.

*Rake and drag the beach.*

Done.

*Incorporate park cleanup for sticks and debris.*

It was discussed that P&R hopes that the HS community service volunteers would take on this task.

Alfred suggested that P&R should set up “pond hockey” on Silver Lake to replace the old rink that was at Bagley.

Important Dates:

Paint the Dugouts: TBD

Adopt-A-Highway Date: 5/5/25, 10am starting at Bagley Park, went well.

Opening Day youth Sports: Opening Day of May 10<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to flooding. First game will be 5/14/2025, but an official Opening Day is unlikely to happen.

Co-Ed Softball started April 27<sup>th</sup> goes through June 15<sup>th</sup>.

5K Color Run hosted by WYSA: May 17<sup>th</sup>, Check in at 9am, 10am start.

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month moving forward, therefore the following dates: 4/14, 5/12, summer break, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10(if needed).

The 8/11 meeting was canceled due to anticipated low attendance.

**Next Meeting – \*\*\*\* Monday, 9/8 @7pm location Town Hall\*\*\*\***