

Rec Park Meeting

MINUTES

July 11, 2022

5:00pm Town Office

- I. OPEN MEETING - The July 11, 2022, Rec Park committee was opened by Chairman Vernon Crawford. at 5:00pm. Those present: Vernon Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Linda Hall, Paul Lyons, Zachary Brown, and Richard Dennis II
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were distributed at the meeting and prior to. Minutes were reviewed by all committee members. Vernon called for a motion to approve the meetings minutes. A motion was made by Diana and seconded by Paul, to approve the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously in the affirmative.
- III. Appointment – The committee discussed recommending Zachary to be a member of the Rec Park committee. A motion was made by Vernon and seconded by Diana, for the committee to approve recommending Zachary to be a member of the committee. . The motion carried unanimously in the affirmative. The Selectboard will review the recommendation of Zachary to the committee at their next meeting.
- IV. Cracks in the Basketball and Tennis Courts – Shortly after the courts were redone by VT Recreational Surfacing & Fencing, Inc., the committee noticed cracks in the courts. Diana has contacted the company on numerous occasions but has had no luck. Diana mentioned that the courts are covered under a three-year warranty. Vernon mentioned that he would be willing to contact them, as well. Diana said she would try again.
- V. Volunteer Day – Date and Projects – A date has yet to be determined. Once date has been set the committee will evaluate the park and figure out what needs to be fix or improved. Zachary will contact the Canaan Key Club again there is a confirmation on the date.
- VI. 911 Sign – Public Comment from Richard Dennis II – Richard greeted the committee and gave a background on himself and his residency. Richard’s concern is that people cannot see the Rec Park’s sign and because of this drive by. Richard stated that he has had many people ask him for directions to the Rec Park. Paul said that he has had the same. Richard suggested moving the sign closer to the road. {At this time Richard left the meeting} Vernon said that maybe the problem wasn’t how far away it was, but that the sign may be obscured. Zach to research adding a new sign from Econosigns which would be at the foot of the entrance. This new sign would include the 911 address too.
- VII. Camping – Diana said that Raj was thinking about changing the way people purchase a campsite but was unsure what he had in mind. She also said that Paul was listed as helping with camping for the two tournaments. Paul was unsure if he could go. Linda asked for clarification on the camping sites. Vernon and Diana told her that the Rec Park hosts camping during the two softball tournaments in the fall as a fundraiser. Raj was thinking about having people come to the Town Office to purchase their site. Concerns were

brought up that this would still create the problem of not getting everyone's money.
Vernon to talk with Raj.

VIII. Walking Path – Donald said that when they paved the walking path, they made ruts near the tree farm and with the increased height he was having a hard time mowing around the track. The committee said they would look at it and figure out how to fix it.

IX. Back stop – Diana will contact Dan and Gene to see when they are going to fix the Back stop on C-field.

X. Spigot/Picnic Tables – The Rec Park is receiving a donation of picnic tables to have down at the park. Recently the drinking fountain spigot was replaced and now includes a spot to fill up a water bottle. This device was broken. The committee gave the go-ahead to April to fix it anyway that she sees fit.

XI. Fundraising Ideas – Diana stated that the main fundraiser in the summer/fall is the camping for the tournaments. Linda asked where the committee receives donations. Vernon and Diana both said that they receive their funds mostly from grants, and individual or business donations. Like the \$2,000 donation from Don Noyes Chevrolet. Linda also asked if the committee host events for youth. Vernon said that we don't typically due to man power and we leave that up to the Library and the School.

XII. SIGN WARRANT -

- a. Warrant 13-22 for \$21,517.45 was signed and executed by the Rec Park committee
- b. Warrant 14-22 for \$592.00 was signed and executed by the Rec Park committee.

XIII. Other Business –

- a. Diana brought up the fact that the insurance company recommended placing rubber mats underneath the swings. All members agreed that it would be a good idea. Paul asked if they were in addition to wood chips and Vernon said yes. Paul and Vernon both said that the wood chips would be used to level out the pads. Diana quoted pads from Tractor supply. The committee decided to purchase four 4' X 6' X ¾" for \$54.99 each. The total purchase price will be \$219.96. Diana will purchase them the next time she goes down to Tractor Supply.
- b. It was also brought to the attention of the committee that there could not be both a baby swing and a regular swing together. The committee will remove the regular swing during the volunteer day.
- c. Use of Facilities – Luke Merrill, on behalf of the Canaan Men's Softball League, submitted a Use of Facilities Application and a Certificate of Insurance for the annual softball tournament, held on August 5-7, 2022. It was approved by the committee and executed by Chairman Vernon Crawford
- d. Budget Status – Zach distributed the budget status report for the first half of the year. It was reviewed by all members. No action was taken at this time.

XIV. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Paul and seconded by Linda to adjourn the July 11, 2022, Rec Park Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Vernon Crawford adjourned the meeting at 5:45PM.