Rec Park Committee

Meeting Agenda

April 10, 2023

5:00 pm

1. Open Meeting- The April 10, 2023, Rec Park committee meeting was opened by Chairman Vernon Crawford at 5:00 PM. Those present: Vernon Crawford, Zachary Brown, Raj Hailey, Linda Hall, Paul Lyons, and Diana Rancourt.
2. Approve Minutes for March 13, 2023 Meeting- Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were distributed at and prior to the meeting. All committee members reviewed the minutes. Vernon called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. A motion was made by Diana and seconded by Raj to approve the March 13, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously in the affirmative.
3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda- Zach made one addition to the agenda which was a use of facilities application from PCS for use of the Rec Park fields for practices and games. No other additions or deletions were made.
4. Mowing- Zach reported the Donald Labrecque has resigned from the mowing job for the Town. He said the selectboard will be placing a bid out and will let the Rec Park know who the new person will be. No further discussion was held.
5. Splash Pad/TNCF Grant/Other Grants/ARPA funds- Vern reported that he was still waiting on an estimate from Jim Wells for the work. He was hoping to have one for tonight’s meeting, but Jim never got back to him with one. Discussion was raised about the fear the splash pad was going to be placed above the sewer line, but Vern said that he has talked to April, and it doesn’t look like it will be an issue. April said the splash pad will be far enough away that it won’t cause an issue if the Town ever needed to access the sewer line. Vern asked the committee if they would mind changing one of the fixtures that had previously been picked out. The one in question, has sprayers that come up from the bottom of the pad. Vern thought these may add another level of difficulty that wasn’t needed. A brief discussion was held, and the committee was in agreement to change this fixture. Diana and Zach will look into different fixtures. The committee talked about drainage. Vern said that he hopes to have the splash pad pitch to one side to make for easier drainage. He also said that he had talked with April about draining the water into the sewer system and she saw no problem in it. Diana said that once the committee gets approval from both the water district and selectboard, Zach and she will work on finalizing the TCNF grant. No further discussion was had.
6. Murder Mystery Dinner- Diana, Paul, and Vern reported that the dinner went well but it was a lot of work. The legion was packed, and the event grossed approximately $1,900 with $200 coming from Linda Dennis, who wanted to make a donation in honor of her father, a founding member of the park. Vern said that there were a few hiccups that would need to be worked out if we were to do it again. Diana also said that the legion was a bit too small if the numbers were to remain that high. Paul and Zach discussed moving it to the school gym and using the family and consumer science room to cook in. Discussion was held about changing the venue. Zach also added that maybe the legion could still be used but only so many tickets were sold to not fill up the venue too much. The committee will discuss this further shall another event be held.
7. Alumni Donation Letter- Zach distributed the letters that Diana had wrote. The committee reviewed them and agreed to have Zach send them out. Zach will do so tomorrow.
8. Pitch tournament- Diana reported that the pitch tournament was a success raising $336, with all winners donating their winnings back. The committee said how thankful they were for Cheryl Cote for having hosted this tournament. Diana will send out thank you cards for everyone who donated at both the tournament and the dinner.
9. Sign- Paul looked at the sign for sale in Colebrook and said that it was not in the best of shape. He said that he thought it was not worth purchasing as it would cost a lot of money to repair. The committee discussed the idea of purchasing the sign and decided that it was not worth the money.
10. Flea Market- Diana reported that CNC is looking to host a flea market in Fletcher Park, in conjunction with the Rec Park committee. CNC was thinking about Memorial Day weekend. The committee was in agreement that they liked the idea and would be happy to help.
11. Car Wash and Bake Sale- Diana asked the group if they wanted to do the annual car wash again. The committee agreed and said they thought they should. Zach said he had asked the school GOTR planned to do another car wash. They responded that they would be doing another one either May 20th or 27th. The committee discussed what day would work best. Diana asked if the committee wanted to do it memorial weekend, in conjunction with the flea market. The committee discussed this and decided to not hold it at the same time, and will confirm the dates at the next weekend.
12. Wellness Classes- Diana reported that Fran Bigney received more grant funding to start wellness classes again.
13. Sign Warrants – 03-23 for $40.70 and 06-23 for $41.60.
14. Other Business-
    1. Linda reminded the committee that if they ever wanted to do a fishing derby, she would be happy to host. She has a great pond on her property that is stocked with rainbow trout. The committee thought this would be a great idea.
    2. Sharon Ellingwood White asked about the shuffle board. A long conversation was held about the shuffle board and if the committee was ever going to fix it. The committee agreed that if Sharon wanted to have the equipment stored at the library, they would look into repainting the court.
    3. The committee discussed the ideas of putting in a pickle ball court on the tennis courts. Linda will look into the game of pickle ball more. The committee agreed that it would be a great addition.
    4. Raj asked the committee what they thought about hosting local/area bands at the rec park and making them into large scale events with food trucks and charging admission. The committee discussed this in great length and thought it would be great idea to look into.
15. Adjourn Meeting- A motion was made by Diana and seconded by Raj to adjourn the April 10, 2023, Rec Park Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Vernon Crawford adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.