Rec Park Committee

Meeting Agenda

May 8, 2023

5:00 pm

1. Open Meeting- The meeting was preceded with a work session at the Rec Park that began at 5:00 PM. The May 8, 2023, Rec Park committee meeting was opened by Chairman Vernon Crawford at 5:45 PM. Those present: Vernon Crawford, Zachary Brown, Linda Hall, Paul Lyons, and Diana Rancourt.
2. Approve Minutes for April 10, 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 Paul to approve the April 10, 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 the North Country Chamber of Commerce for use of the Rec Park fields for their annual Moose Festival. No other additions or deletions were made.
4. Mowing- Zach reported that the Selectboard approved Jason Rella DBA Yetti Yard Man’s bid for the Town mowing. The price for the Rec Park is around $8,500. The company will mow the fields during the morning to prevent any delay in residents using the field. No further discussion was had.
5. Splash Pad/TNCF Grant/Other Grants/ARPA funds- Diana reported that the Selectboard had approved the committee’s request for ARPA funds to use towards the Splash Pad. She said the committee requested $25,000 which will either cover the Rec Park if we do not receive other donations or grant funds. Vern reported that he is still waiting to get a breakdown of the project from Jim Wells. He will reach back out to see if he can get this. Diana and Zach presented the quote and sample of the sign to be placed down at the splash pad. All committee members reviewed both. Diana said that one of the quotes includes the price of signposts, but April believes she can get them cheaper through Grainger. The committee decided to hold off with the sign until the project is underway. Linda asked if there was going to be an age limit. A short discussion was held, and the consensus was that it was unnecessary. The committee discussed the need for an apron around the splash pad. It was discussed and the committee will look into either having stamped concrete or pavers. Diana and Zach will wait to submit the application to the Tillotson North Country Foundation until after they receive the cost breakdown. No further discussion was had.
6. CDS Portable Toilets- Diana asked Zach if he had received any bill from CDS for pumping the porta-potties. Zach said that he had not, the last communication he had was in January when the committee was making the budget. Zach had agreed with Brian Riff that the park would pay a contracted fee of $1,200 annually. Zach will reach out to Brian to see how he would like it to be paid.
7. Business Donation Letters- A brief discussion was had surrounding whether the committee wanted to send out letters to area businesses to garner monetary support for the Splash Pad. It was decided that the committee would hold off and they understand how business are constantly getting asked for donations.
8. Car Wash and Bake Sale- The committee decided that they would host their annual car wash and bake sale on Saturday June 24, 2023, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Vern will talk with the Fire Department at their next meeting to see if they would like to help.
9. Flea Market- Diana gave an update on the Flea Market that CNC will be hosting to benefit both the Rec Park and them. Diana said that she will be having a table there for the Rec Park and is looking for people to help. She said that tables are $20 each and that she has already received inquiries for spots.
10. Other Fundraisers- The committee brainstormed what fundraisers they could host over the coming months. Vern asked what the committee thought about doing a geocaching fundraiser. The committee thought it might be a good idea and Diana said she would ask CNC what they thought. Diana asked what the committee thought about having a bike-a-thon or a walk-a-thon. The committee thought those would be great too. Linda brought up the idea of a fishing derby at her house. Zach said he would have to go check out the pond sometime. The committee thought it would be a fun new idea but would have to look into it further.
11. Flowers- Diana and Linda reported that they have been busy cleaning up the flowers around the pavilion in the park. Linda also asked what the committee thought of her planting some wildflower seeds. The committee thought it was a great idea and left it up to her judgment on where to put them.
12. Pickleball- Linda reported on the information she found while researching the game. Linda said that the game is good for all ages and that it seems to be becoming more popular. She wondered if we might be able to have a tournament down there, if we decide to put the equipment down at the park. The committee will continue to look into the game. Everyone thanked Linda for taking this on.
13. Volunteer Day- The committee was looking at dates sometime in July to host a volunteer day in the park. Diana and Linda have already started work down there and will be painting/staining the picnic tables soon. Some other projects include staining the dug outs, cleaning out the pavilion, and fixing the pavilion.
14. NCCOC Use of Facilities Application- Zach presented a Use of Facilities Application he received from the chamber of commerce to use the Rec Park for their annual Moose Festival. Chairman Crawford called for a motion. Diana motioned to accept the application; Paul seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Crawford signed the application.
15. Other Business-
    1. Diana told the committee that April has some jersey barriers at the treatment plant that were up for the taking. The committee discussed them and decided against putting them down at the Rec Park.
    2. Historical Society Dig- Diana asked Vern if he had looked over the box of finds that were discovered when the Rec Park was created. Vern said he had and didn’t see anything in it for the Rec Park.
    3. Diana reported that Cheryl Cote held another pitch tournament last Sunday to raise money for the Rec Park. Everyone donated their winnings back and the event raised $209. The committee would like to thank Cheryl for hosting these events.
16. Adjourn Meeting- A motion was made by Diana and seconded by Paul to adjourn the May 08, 2023, Rec Park Committee Meeting. The motion carried unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Vernon Crawford adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.