

## CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2024

5:00 pm

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the April 2, 2024 Rec Park Committee meeting at 5:00 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Paul Lyons, Diana Rancourt and Britni Haley.
- II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – none
- III. Approve minutes for the March 11, 2024 and March 29, 2024 Meetings - On a motion by Paul and seconded by Diana the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- IV. Status on splash pad project/invites – Jim Wells is hoping to start on the project the end of May or beginning of June. A special meeting will be held once the project is complete for anyone interested in helping with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Invites to this meeting will be sent via email to Canaan Naturally Connected, Britni Haley, Chuck Patterson and Casey Winterson. Discussed a chicken barbecue to benefit the Fire Department, music by Mario Marquis and Britni will check on the possibility of getting Ben and Jerry ice cream for this event.
- V. Summer fundraisers – Murder Mystery Spaghetti dinner May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm at the American Legion, set up time Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 pm. Casino Night fundraiser October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Time Out Tavern from 6 to 9 pm.
- VI. Summer events – Discussed tennis, golf target, pickleball, and basketball games and hopefully a soccer camp. Susan Mund reached out to CNC and said she could hold tai chi classes in the recreation park. Diana will check with Kyle Daley about setting up pickleball games, Britni will check with Hunter Judd and Paul with Marcus Lapierre about setting up basketball games. Britni will check with Megan Prehemo to see what her plans are to use the rec park for her summer programs.
- VII. May 18<sup>th</sup> Murder Mystery Spaghetti Dinner – The Rec Park and Canaan Naturally Connected will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the American Legion. A meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Grace Community Church to plan for this event. Britni has volunteered to help at this event and everyone was appreciative. Connie Leigh will work in the kitchen to prepare the food for this event.
- VIII. Dash grant/letters of support/summer employment – Received letters of support from Canaan Naturally Connected, NEKCA and Chuck Patterson which everyone was appreciative. We were awarded \$2,000 from the Neil and Louise Tillotson North Country Foundation to hire two students and supervisor to work on projects in the park. The Building Trades Instructor, Tim Gray and Diversified Agricultural Instructor

Chris Masson will plan on working on some of the projects during the school year as soon as weather permits.

- IX. Installation of security cameras – Info only – John Shatney and Jeremy Labrecque will install cameras in the Superintendent’s Office at the end of May beginning of June. More discussion about installing some at the Alice Ward Library will be held at our next meeting.
- X. Camping/collect money – Dawn Dion said she is interested in collecting money for camping in the Meadow Lot in August and September. The board approved to pay her \$200 for each event. The rec park committee will take care of the trash at the end of each event.
- XI. Solar Eclipse –Vern will check on the parking lots and fields in both the Rec Park and Meadow Lot and put up roping if need be.
- XII. Merry go round/Casino fundraiser/liquor license – Some discussion on installing a merry go round in the park. If a decision is made to do so, we can let everyone know what we will be using the proceeds for. Zach will apply for the liquor license for the Casino Night fundraiser.
- XIII. Outhouse/school janitor/April – Will invite April to come to the next meeting with a plan for building an outhouse. Chris informed Zach that the school janitor could help clean the outhouse.
- XIV. Business ads- Info only – No collection of money for business ads since the Canaan Carrier newsletters are not being distributed.
- XV. Rec park street sign – Zach will get a quote for a sign at the entrance of the rec park.
- XVI. Playground chips – Diana is waiting for a quote for 20 yards of playground chips from Durgin and Crowell Lumber Company. Zach will check with the insurance company to see what they suggest we use instead of playground chips. Britni suggested we contact Ron Lyons to see if he could pick up playground chips for us.
- XVII. Trees in the parks – Vern has contacted Brad to cut down the trees in the rec park and Meadow Lot and Chris Masson will take care of the wood.
- XVIII. Other business - Zach forwarded an email from Mr. Aronson to see if Canaan wants to provide tennis clinics. Zach will invite him to our next meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss further. Budget status reports were distributed for review with no questions. Will ask Zach to contact Juddy for a quote to rent his portable toilets during our camping events.
- XIX. Warrant was signed – AP 7-24 \$45.24.
- XX. Adjourn Meeting – the April 2, 2024 rec park meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.