

CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2024
5:00 pm

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the March 11, 2024 Rec Park Committee meeting at 5:00 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Paul Lyons and Diana Rancourt. Members of the public included Tim Gray. Frank Sawicki and Terrie Herr. Also present was April Busfield and Britni Haley.
- II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – none
- III. Approve minutes for the December 12, 2023 Meeting - On a motion by Paul and seconded by Diana the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- IV. Dash grant – hire students and supervisor – The Building Trades teacher, Tim Gray said that they can do some of the projects during the school year as soon as weather permits. Tim will choose the two students that will benefit and keep us posted. We will be applying for a grant for \$2,000 - \$1,000 for a supervisor and \$500 for each student. They will be paid gross pay through the Town’s payroll system, thirty-one hours at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per student.
- V. Summer projects –Discussion on the project list and Vern will prioritize.
- VI. Vermont Community Northeast Kingdom grant – 2025 summer - Diana asked for approval to apply for the Vermont Community Northeast Kingdom Fund grant for the same purpose as the Dash Grant. It was approved unanimously.
- VII. Community Building Hub – Britni will forward the email she sent to Zach on January 29th for discussion at our next rec park meeting. She’s making event plans for the year and ran some ideas by the rec park committee and would like to partner with our group, everyone was in agreement. She wondered if we plan to do a big reveal with the Splash Pad sometime during the summer and she would love to be part of it. I She commented that it would be fun to have 2-3 food trucks to add to the celebration. Perhaps Ben & Jerry's ice cream? Bruno's pizza ? (Both very Vermont) Their organization could potentially help cover some costs. This will be discussed at our next rec park meeting and will invite Britni to attend or we can send her the minutes to the meeting. She has resources that lend to an event.
- VIII. Fundraisers – The Recreation Park and CNC will partner to put on a Murder Mystery spaghetti dinner. May 4th was discussed and will be discussed with the CNC group. Diana will check with Scott Leigh to see if the Legion is available that date. A Casino Night event on October 12th was discussed and will be discussed with the CNC group. Diana will check with David Santamaria to see if the Time Out Tavern is available that date. Terrie and Diana will reach out to volunteers to help with these events.

- IX. Security cameras – Diana will check with John Shatney and Jeremy Labrecque to see when they will be available to install two cameras in the ENSU building and maybe one outside the library at a later date.
- X. Splash Pad – Vern will contact Jim Wells to see what his plans are to start on the project.
- XI. Outhouse – Some discussion on a porta potty and an outhouse. Will discuss further at our next meeting.
- XII. Dig Safe – April will reapply for a Dig Safe before the Splash Pad project starts.
- XIII. Solar Eclipse – Some discussion on people using the Recreation Park and Meadow Lot for parking.
- XIV. Trees in meadow lot and rec park – Vern will check out the trees to see what needs to be done.
- XV. Playground chips – Vern will check how much he thinks we will need and Diana will get a quote to present at our next meeting.
- XVI. Other business – Diana distributed the Budget Status Report for review.
Warrants were signed AP 26-23 \$1660.00, AP 1-24 \$41.60, AP 2-24 \$273.82, AP 3-24 \$44.18.
- XVII. Adjourn Meeting – the March 11, 2024 rec park meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.