

CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
5:00 pm

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the September 9, 2024 Rec Park Committee meeting at 4:55 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Alfred Buckley, April Busfield and later joined by Paul Lyons and Norman Flanagan. William Aronson joined in person.
- II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – See other business.
- III. Approve minutes for the August 5, 2024 Meeting - On a motion by April and seconded by Al the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- IV. Tennis and Pickleball lessons – William Aronson discussed the possibility of offering sessions in the Recreation Park and the cost will be \$105 per player. This cost would be split 80/20. He will provide all equipment needed for the lessons. Diana will do some research before a decision is made.
- V. Splash pad ribbon cutting ceremony– This event was very well attended.
- VI. Thank you ice cream social – Thank you cards were signed for April’s Maple for donating and serving the ice cream at this event and for Britni Haley from the Community Builders Hub for all her help.
- VII. Splash Pad water usage and weatherization – Not sure how much water has been used. Norman will watch the weather and winterize the splash pad when it is time. A discussion was held about the issue with the red tower and Norman will call Hayden at Most Dependable Fountain to discuss this issue again. Bolts will be installed in both green valve boxes.
- VIII. Thank you cards were also signed for Jean Clarke for all her help on grants in the past and Laurent Rancourt for the use of his equipment for the construction of the splash pad.
- IX. Fundraiser - Pavers –Diana will ask Billy Rioux to attend our next meeting to discuss pavers and the possibility of stamping.
- X. Disc Golf Targets – Some damage has been done to this equipment and next year we should make sure to put them out on the fields so they can be used.
- XI. Bouncing toys – April shared pictures of kid’s bouncy toys that she feels should go in the rec park. After some discussion we felt that we would have to see how much it would cost to paint lines for a pickleball court and to fix the shuffle ball court. A motion was made by Al and seconded by April to purchase the Charlie Chomper Fun Bouncer and Harry Hopper Fun Bouncer if money is still available from ARPA funds. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

- XII. Porta potty –Paul has fixed the leak around the chimney on the new porta potty. Norman will install anchors .
- XIII. Shuffleboard court quotes – Diana shared the quotes and said that the company informed her it would be more feasible if we hired a company closer. Vern has reached out to Harold Concrete from Concord, Vermont.
- XIV. Pickleball line painting – Diana reached out to Peter’s Line Striping Company and she was informed that his paint would not adhere to the material that has been used on the tennis courts. Diana received a quote from VT Recreational Surfacing & Fencing to supply and install one complete set of yellow textured pickleball court lines. Price \$600 per set if it is done when they are in the area and \$850 per set if they have to make a special trip. A motion was made by Diana and seconded by April to have them do the project and the proposal was signed by Chairman Vernon Crawford. Denis Ladd has donated \$250 towards this project. It was decided that they bring their own equipment to play this sport.
- XV. Security cameras – One security camera has been installed at the Superintendent’s office and the others will be installed when the installation of the new siding is done. John Shatney will finish setting up the cameras when they are all installed. Jeremy Labrecque and John Shatney are donating their time which everyone was very appreciative.
- XVI. Casino Night October 12th – reminder of this event.
- XVII. Use of Facilities- Diana received a use of facilities form from the Canaan Naturally Connected group to hold a Truck or Treat in the park on October 27th from 2 to 4. Everyone approved and the form was signed by Chairman Vern Crawford. The Canaan Naturally Connected group wants to sponsor a drama camp in the rec park from July 7th to July 18, 2025 and is applying for a grant through the Tillotson North Country Foundation and would like permission to use the park during those dates if approved. Everyone was fine with the use of facilities and CNC will need to fill out a form before the camp starts.
- XVIII. Budget status report – Report was reviewed with no questions.
- XIX. Other Business – Dawn Dion collected \$1400 for the second camping event and the campers would like to know what the funds will be used for. This will be added to the rules and regulations. Norman Flanagan is interested in joining the rec park committee. Everyone was happy to hear that and Diana will let the Selectboard know. More discussion on a Car Wash in 2025 at the next meeting. Vern informed the committee that him and Diana attended the Selectboard meeting to discuss the remaining ARPA funds and will meet with them again when the committee comes up with a plan for the remaining funds.
- XX. Warrants were signed – AP 17-24 \$2,827.98 and AP 19-24 \$5,224.99.
- XXI. Adjourn Meeting – the September 9th rec park meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.