

MORRISTOWN
PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2020

Members Present: Judy Bickford, Kristi McAllister, Sara Haskins, Stephanie Hoffman, Allison Link, Valerie Valcour

Guests: Tricia Follert, Kathy Cookson

Sara Haskins called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

- Add under Old Business: Skate Park, Oxbow Park, Dog Park, Town Plan

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Stephanie Hoffman to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020, motion seconded by Kristi McAllister. Motion carried. (6/0).

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Kathy Cookson presented MASP's idea of hosting socially distant family friendly 4th of July activities. Some of the ideas they are exploring are: a car parade, live game of Clue, BBQ at the VFW, lawn decorating, historical scavenger hunt, Bijou drive-in movies and zoom minute to win it games. She requested that Parks & Rec help advertise the events and help run the Clue stations. She will also need volunteers to help judge the lawn decorations.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Allison shared that she had spoken to Todd Thomas in search of Town owned land for the skate park. He suggest Oxbow Park and next to the dog park as two spots. Allison will contact the Listers Office to get a full list of Town & Village owned land and reconnect with the people that had come to the Selectboard meeting last year in support of a Town skate park. Judy shared that there is a possible LCPC grant we could apply for some funds. She suggested inviting Tasha Wallis from LCPC or Casey Romero from the Johnson Skate park to a future meeting.
- Allison asked for updates regarding the Oxbow Park and any plans that she may have missed during her medical leave of absence from the Committee.
- Stephanie shared that she is working on a sign of rules for the dog park. The question arose surrounding children in the dog park. Tricia will check with VLCT to see any guidance they have on the issue. Healthy Lamoille Valley is providing a welcome sign for the Dog Park.
- Allison reached out to Todd and the Town Plan is being pushed out to later this

fall/winter. She will bring draft information to a future meeting for the Committee to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- The Committee reviewed various projects to be completed this summer:
 - MACC requested that Parks & Rec partner with them to purchase a hopscotch stencil and paint to place in different location around town. ***Sara Haskins made a motion to spend \$300 for a hopscotch stencil and paint in coordination with MACC. Judy Bickford seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6/0).***
 - Tricia Follert presented the project to purchase and install a commercial grade basketball hoop and stripe lines to make a ½ basketball court on the paved area where the skate park used to be at the Oxbow. ***Sara Haskins made a motion to spend no more than \$2,800 for a basketball hoop and striping at the Oxbow Park. Kristi McAllister seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6/0).***
 - Tricia Follert requested that the Committee purchase two commercial grade, maintenance free benches to be placed at the dog park. Sara Haskins said her family plans to purchase a bench for the Dog Park in addition to any that the Committee may purchase. Kristi recommended purchasing a third bench to place right outside the dog park. Allison suggested purchasing an additional bench for the Oxbow Park. ***Kristi McAllister made the motion to purchase three benches, two for the Dog Park and one for the Oxbow Park. Judy Bickford seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6/0).***
 - The Committee discussed the bike share partnership with the library and decided to hold off of this project due to COVID-19 until an appropriate time in the future.
- The Committee discussed two possible summer projects; hiring youth intern(s) and hosting a #MoRec social media campaign. Allison presented the idea of hiring youth interns for a small stipend to help promote a social media campaign and map our recreation assets. The Committee brainstormed ideas that interns could do and if it should be limited to just youth or all Morristown residents. Allison & Kristi agreed to work on creating a draft job description for the interns and report back to the Committee. Stephanie presented the #MoRec social media campaign idea that the interns could potential run of having weekly social media contests to highlight different recreational opportunities around town and awarding small prizes. ***Krisi made a motion to spend \$500 on two \$50 gift certificates at each of the following five locations: Power Play Sports, Chuck's Bikes, Great Outdoors, Caplans and River Arts (class only). Judy Bickford seconded the motion. Motion carried. (6/0).***

VI. BOARD CONCERNS

- **Ray Boutin:** not present

- **Maggie Cleary:** not present
- **John Duffy:** not present
- **Sara Haskins:** none
- **Stephanie Hoffman:** none
- **Alison Link:** none
- **Kristi McAllister:** none
- **Judy Bickford:** none
- **Valerie Valcour:** none

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- None.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Sara Haskins to adjourn at 9:30AM. Motion seconded by Kristi McAllister. Motion carried. (6/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 21st day of June 2020

Sara Haskins, scribe

Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Parks &Rec meeting.