

Morristown Parks and Recreation Minutes – April 12, 2021 – virtually

In attendance: Sara Haskins, Kristi McAllister, Kasey Longe, Alison Link, Stephanie Hoffman, Judy Bickford (Secretary) Tricia Follert (consultant).

- 1) Addition to agenda – add membership drive
- 2) Minutes from March 8, 2021 meeting approved.

Motion made by Stephanie and seconded by Sara. Motion passed.

- 3) Community concerns – None
- 4) Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Dog Park – Sara designed a Facebook page for the Dog Park. It's a sub group under Parks and Rec. It's being used to for people to interact w/other dog owners. Tricia reported that the dog park will need to be closed so it can be reseeded. Tricia also spoke to John Tilton at MWL regarding water at the dog park. Copley funds may be used to pay for the dog park water. Tricia will follow up on this project.
- b. Skate Park - Alison reported; a member of the Skate Park committee from Stowe is sending around a petition to have \$100,000 reinstated to the town's budget to support the skate park. The Skate Park committee is planning on holding some events to bring awareness, develop interest, and find community partners. Alison is trying to get in touch w/Floyd Nease to discuss Family Center property. Alison recommended that Mo-skate & Mo-wheels events be placed on Parks and Rec calendar.
- c. Summer Camp Recreation Program – Budget for the program \$35,829. The school was paid \$300 for the use of the facility. Ages 5 to 12 were served by the program. No decision was made by the Select Bd. to cancel the program for 2021. Alison suggested that she work connecting w/local agencies to develop a summer program. A small group will meet - Judy, Sara, Kristi, and Kathy Cookson - to discuss keeping the Rec. program open for summer 2021.

5) New Business

- a. By laws – make the following changes to the draft bylaws – add specific state statues, drop members on the board from 11 to 9, change to no less than 7 members for the board, the chair will write the annual report instead of the secretary. Parks and Recreation will meet on Thursday 4/15 at 3:40 to review and vote on the By-Laws.
- b. Elect Officers – tabled

- c. Review 6 month activity calendar – The committee thanked Stephanie for putting together our first 6 month calendar of activities. Stephanie suggested that each member of the board take a month of activities to facilitate. Tricia would like to take on one of the activities not necessarily a whole month. A suggestion was made to post activities on the calendar such as volleyball, etc, see if someone in the community would be a point person for that activity. Tricia volunteered to head up the Bike Bingo. Alison will contact Maggie Cleary about the bike safety day and bike swap. Parks and Rec. could post to see if someone in the community would be interested in running one of the programs listed on the calendar.

6) New Business

a. Review Proposals

1. Star Gazers – asking for up to \$900 to finish installing a telescope.
2. Bird watching bags – Tricia discussed w/Kendra, the new librarian, about setting up a bird watching bag w/Parks and Rec. partnering with the library, Parks and Rec name on the bags along with the Library name each bag approx. \$300/bag.
3. Picnic tables from Lamoille Wood Working to replace ones at the Oxbow.
4. Parks and Rec. banner – **Stephanie made the motion to purchase a banner and Judy seconded it. Motion passed.**
5. Set aside at least \$500 from the Parks and Rec. Budget to support activities listed on the calendar. **Stephanie made the motion to spend up to \$500 on the Parks & Recs activities in May & June and Judy seconded it. Motion passed.**

b. Membership – tabled

- c. Discussion about removing people due to lack of participation – John Duffy and Val Valcour have not been attending which makes it hard to make quorum. Sara will reach out to both to see if they are still interested in being on the board.

7) No board concerns

8) No other business

9) Meeting adjourned at 6:35. **Judy made the motion and Sara seconded it.**

10) Next meeting – Special Parks and Recreation Meeting on Thursday 4/15 at 3:40 to review and vote on the By-Laws

11) Next regular meeting Monday May 10, 2021 4:30 (virtually/in person?)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 26th day of April 2021

Judy Bickford, scribe

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