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MORRISTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2020

Members Present: Ray Boutin, Sara Haskins, Stephanie Hoffman, Allison Link, Valerie Valcour

Guests: none

Sara Haskins called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

- None

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Valerie Valcour to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020, motion seconded by Sara Haskins. Motion carried. (5/0).

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- none

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- The Committee discussed creating an informational calendar of community recreational opportunities. Members brought information that they had gathered since the previous meeting. Stephanie shared research about google and outlook calendars that can import existing exportable calendars and automatically update a master calendar to save on data entry. Allison will reach out to NVU to see about a college intern to help work on creating a master recreation calendar. Sara will reach out to the high school to see about a possible intern and do more research about which type of calendar would be best to create.

- Judy nor Duffy were in attendance to discuss the spring consignment sale. The Committee members present felt that unless Judy & Duffy have been actively working on the event it should be cancelled until next year.

- Valerie shared updates on the library partnership. She spoke to the Poultney librarian about their programs. They have both a bike loan and a bike pass program. The bike loan program allows library members to check out a bike like a book with their library card; the bike pass allows library members to rent bikes at a local store at a discounted rate with the card. Poultney provides a helmet with the bike and adult bikes are much more popular than youth bikes. Valerie spoke briefly with Power Play Sports & Chuck's Bikes and both business are interested in being part of the project. Valerie will reach out to Gizelle to get final library approval. The Committee discussed purchasing bikes, helmets, locks and a bike rack if needed. The Bike-ped Committee may be willing to use their funds to put

toward the project. Once the library has given their final approval on the project the committee will move forward acquiring equipment, creating waivers and partnerships with the local stores.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- The Committee briefly discussed reviewing and submitting recommendations for revisions to the wellness section of the Town Plan. Allison explained that action items in the report need to be concrete with goals. Valerie and Allison will work on this and gather information for the Committee to review before presenting to the Planning Commission.

- Maggie was not present to discuss the Bike Safety Day in May. The Committee is in support of the event.

- Kristi was not present to discuss the Summer Recreation Camp Program. Sara informed the Committee that families are starting to enroll using the online myrec system.

VI. BOARD CONCERNS

- **Ray Boutin**: none
- **Maggie Cleary**: not present
- **John Duffy**: not present
- **Sara Haskins**: none
- **Stephanie Hoffman**: none
- **Alison Link:** Asked about the status of the skate park committee and if town properties had been explored for a potential new site for a skate park. She also inquired regarding who was in charge of the Oxbow park maintenance.
- **Kristi McAllister**: not present
- **Judy Bickford**: not present
- **Valerie Valcour**: none

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- None.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Stephanie Hoffman to adjourn at 5:32PM. Motion seconded by Ray Boutin. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 12th day of March 2020

Sara Haskins, scribe

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