

MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Jesse Bridge, Larry Courcelle, Liam Fracht-Monroe, Chad Galiano, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy, Sara Tully

The Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of the July 2, 2018 Minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

Recreation Committee appointments made by the Selectboard were reviewed.

The budget for 2019-2020 was reviewed.

Field Maintenance: Chad will contact Hadeka's to see if they will donate clay for the infield (5-7 yards needed); Mendon's Road Crew could pick it up (by April 27 to coincide with the field's spring clean up day). If it's not donated, we will ask the Barstow Youth Club (BYC) to cover the expense. Chad will contact Gagnon Lumber to see if they will donate 3-5 yards of mulch for the play structure; if not, we should plan on \$60-\$100 in our remaining funds of \$851. The bill for the portable toilet installed last year (May to October) has yet to be paid; Chad and/or Jesse will ask BYC to pay for half the bill, as their programs use the field mid-July through October. Larry will check the smaller roof of the play structure to see if it needs repair.

Basketball Court: The Committee is in favor of a half court vs. full court (recommended by the Selectboard last year). The grant funding we had planned to seek has the stipulation that the land be used for recreation purposes "in perpetuity", so we will not pursue it. We need to re-establish the timeline for the 3-step process of site preparation, paving, sealing/line painting. Liam has quotes from last year. Once bids are in for joint Mendon/Rutland Town spring/summer paving (by April 12), Sara will see if any of the contractors could also pave the half court for a reduced price.

Access Road: Depending on the size of the paving equipment for the half basketball court, we may need to temporarily alter/remove the gate.

Recreation Area Plan: Rather than move the play structure, Chad will talk with Chris Gandin about GMP donating old electric poles to install as posts to hold netting. This is to prevent fly balls from landing in the play structure area. New rules for municipal recreation areas require regular safety checks and ADA compliance. Liam will review the rules so we can determine what steps need to be taken regarding access to the half basketball court and other future improvements. It was suggested we keep a log of safety checks and improvements or repairs inside the shed.

Town Picnic: A preliminary budget of \$600 was reviewed. It will be fine-tuned and redistributed to the Committee, which supports contributing a portion of the expense, and being involved in a volunteer capacity.

The Committee supports removal of the birch trees and prefers the stumps removed, but there probably aren't available funds to help pay for stump removal in the remaining \$851 reported at the beginning of the meeting.

Barstow Youth Club volunteers will be invited/encouraged to participate in the field spring clean-up day on April 27.

Sara explained the plan to fill parking lot ruts with excess material from road paving projects this spring and summer.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Recreation Area.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Reddy, Committee Clerk/Secretary