

## MENDON RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Mendon Recreation Area

PACIF Risk Management report: The committee discussed the PACIF report dated 4/30/19:

- Accessible route (ADA) didn't meet surfacing requirements
  - The committee discussed using shurpak as a surface material as it is readily available and likely less expensive than engineered wood chips.
  - Liam is going to check with Wade at the VCLT to determine if this would be considered a suitable material.
- Dead and/or dying branches above play equipment or within the play area:
  - Liam to follow up with Wade on what branches were referenced. Chad had cut some along the fence line recently.
- Advisory signage to outline the general safety and rules of use for the park:
  - Jesse will work to draft park rules which will be posted in the pin board at the park. Rules will include:
    - No Alcohol
    - Pack it in / Pack it out (no trash left on grounds)
    - Closed dusk to dawn
    - Play at your own risk
    - Clean up after pets
    - To be continued...
- Rebar / Metal sticking up from the ground
  - The committee determined that Larry will remove this rebar from the sides of the telephone poles that separate the parking from the play area of the park.
- Playground surfacing material thinned out
  - This had already been addressed. Chad had brought in \$240 of wood chips from Gagnon's lumber and spread to a depth of a minimum of 9" around the play structure
- Tire Swing too close to uprights
  - The Committee determined that it is best to remove the tire swing to be in compliance with this recommendation. Chad will remove the swing.
- Playground swings too close
  - It was discussed and determined that the swings must be 24" from each other and 30" from structures when measured 60" from grade. The Liam and Chad will reposition the swings by removing the monkey bars so that we can accommodate this requirement.
- Use zone for a swing
  - The swings are determined to be too close to each other. That is, the big set is likely too close to the little set and must be a minimum of 2x the distance of the height of the swing from the grade. We will remeasure and see if there is any opportunity to reposition the swings to accommodate. On the "outside" of the swing path we may need to add surface material to accommodate.
- BYC Contract
  - It was determined that a contract should be in place with the BYC outlining the use of the park, and certificates of insurance in place naming the town as an additionally insured. Liam will reach out to Sara to determine what is in place with Barstow, and then discuss with Jamie Gallagher to see if the BYC can draft the agreement.
- Basketball court
  - Pending a review of the budget and re-bid of the program, the committee agreed that the town should move forward with the ground work for the basketball court, but that the court itself should be moved to the upper section. The committee also agreed that the play structure should be moved to the upper level when it is in need of replacement. This will provide a "foul-ball-free" zone for kids

playing, and a shorter distance between the parking lot and the play structure/basketball court. The committee still is in agreement that the court should remain ½ court for the time being.

- Upcoming Town Picnic
  - Jesse, Liam, and Larry will be on hand on June 8<sup>th</sup> to help with the setup of the picnic. Jesse and Chad will donate softball equipment for the proposed game. Chad may be on hand to help with the setup as well.
- Town Wide Yard Sale
  - Jesse asked if we proposed to do a town wide yard sale this year at the park. Larry commented that it is a lot of work for someone to transport all their stuff, and Chad commented that it was difficult for people to find the park. Liam asked if there was a way to electronically poll the residents to see if they would like to do a sale either at the park, or advertised by the town but held at their residences. Jesse said that we are trying to set up Front Porch Forum which may offer an area to ask/poll that question. Currently there is no electronic database of taxpayers/residents that allows for easy communication. All agreed that the cost of a mailer was not worth it given the last response on the yard sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liam Fracht-Monroe, Chair/Committee member