

Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, October 12, 2023, Barnes Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Blair Gagne, Quorum was established with members present: Kay Erdahl, Marc Lybeck, Mark Sutton, Terry Kolberg, Blair Gagne. Also present: Tom Renz, Town Board Liaison, and Jeff Jordheim, Roads & property foreman.

A motion to approve the agenda and dispense with reading of last month meeting was made by Kay, seconded by Terry. Motion passed.

Playground equipment: Kay gave a report on information she gathered on newly installed playground equipment at First Lutheran church in Hayward by Playground Boss. Town of Cable also installed equipment this year from Landscape Structures and Terry will contact them for feedback. Kay will also research the current equipment in our town park from "Gametime" company. We will move forward on gathering information on different companies and also on grants offered, so with enough funds in budget – possible could look at 2024-25.

Garage at TLP update: Tom Renz has been in contact with Ruth from the county. She will be adjusting the mapping system to eliminate the roads in order for the park to be one parcel and the garage permit will then be approved. With the building permit approved, the garage slab can be poured in May of 2024 with the structure able to be started about a month later. The estimated cost for the slab is \$5000, with the latest material estimate at \$22,000. Electrical costs in addition to that.

With new electrical wiring going in to the new salt shed, this is a good time to update the power to the Warming house by the skating rink. Afterwards, a new heater on a timer could be installed. Estimated cost \$2500 for upgrade and heater. A motion was made to upgrade the electric and install a heater by Kay, Seconded by Marc. Motion passed.

The ice rink was discussed on whether to try freezing without a liner by adding water in layers after the ground is frozen. With a liner the icing process could be started earlier and cost of a liner is not prohibitive. Either way, the ice portion would be only be about half the size of the current hockey size rink.

The Equipment for grooming at TLP was discussed. With the new heavy groomer, there is a need for the tow vehicle that is not belt driven. For a new vehicle, sources such as auctions or used equipment, or manufacturer's deals will be researched by the "Friends of TLP" group.

Lights at Pickleball courts was discussed and determined that lighted courts are not necessary.

The current schedule of members has Terry and Kay stating a new 3-year term now. A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Kay to renew the current terms of the committee members. Motion passed.

Blair has an application for Barbra King to replace Marcia Wellnitz as a new committee member. A motion to accept Barabra was made by Blair, seconded by Kay. Motion passed.

Next meeting is in April, and will be a zoom meeting led by Marc, with Blair on vacation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am