

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, August 12, 2021 at Barnes Town Hall Office

Meeting was called to order by Pat Johnston at 9:00 AM

Quorum was established. Present were: Marcia Wellnitz, Kay Erdahl, Terry Kolberg, Marc Lybeck, Linda Clark, Pat Johnston. Blair Gagne joined the meeting at 10:00.

Public notice of meeting was posted on 08/06/2021

The agenda was approved and also to dispense with the reading of last month's meeting: Motion made by Terry, seconded Marcia. Approved.

Gary Scharlau, park maintenance position, recently resigned. A motion was made by Marc that the committee suggests that a replacement for this position be filled, as the upkeep in the parks has been much improved with a park maintenance employee. Seconded by Kay. Approved.

Discussed the need for a sign on Barnes Rd for North Trailhead, as there is nothing to identify it now. Pat will research and get an estimate for a wood sign similar to the sign by the other entrance.

Marc would like to see a future single-track bike and snowshoe trail at Tomahawk. Cost to have done is quite high, but at this point he will start by tracking down a logical path with snowshoeing through the woods, along with input from Pam Toshner who has ideas for location of this trail.

The swimming dock at TLP is in the lake and serviceable. The committee will revisit the need for replacement of this dock at some time in the future.

Storage garage for equipment size and layout is not determined yet, as the new equipment still needs to be assembled. Pat will ask a contractor for general estimate of the cost so it can be budgeted in the near future.

Tennis court resurfacing was researched by Marc & Terry. Asphalt cracks will always be an ongoing issue for repairs and we discussed different options for repairs. Filling cracks as was done 5 years ago is the lowest cost. More detailed estimates from Surface Pro and Lee's Surfacing on a new system of repair called Armor will also be gathered for next meeting. The committee suggests that instead of 2 tennis courts, this same area would consist of 2 pickleball court with nets and 1 tennis court. Also, Terry will research online and gets costs to replace the windscreens.

Warming house heater update. Waiting on estimate to install from Larry Roecker. Discussion on painting interior or exterior and decided not at this time.

Bike Rack may get moved to a different location – but not until next year.

Tree in park: Will wait until next year to see what the condition it is in then.

Skates from the warming house have been sharpened at Ace and Kay will pick up. We thank Marcia Wellnitz for donating the \$100 cost to sharpen.

The condition of the town park's wood play structures and the ongoing maintenance were discussed. A motion was made by Terry to suggest that the town create a sinking fund to replace the present wood structure with modern and safe equipment in the future. Seconded by Marc. Approved.

A motion by made by Marc to add Blair Gagne as a 7th member of the committee. Seconded by Linda. Approved.

A new starting time for future committee meetings was decided to be 9:30 am.

Future agenda items include: Ice rink repair, budget needs for 2022, tennis court refacing, storage garage, winter sliding hills.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Terry at 10:48am. Seconded by Pay. Approved.

Submitted by Terry Kolberg