

Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, September 9, 2021, at Barnes Town Hall

Meeting was called to order by Pat Johnston at 9:32 AM.

Quorum was established. Members present were: Pat Johnston, Marc Lybeck, Kay Erdahl, Terry Kolberg, Marcia Wellnitz, Blair Gagne. Also present were Tom Renz, board liaison and Loren Bohl, park maintenance. Public notice was posted on 09/08/2021.

A motion was made to approve agenda and dispense with reading of the minutes by Marcia, seconded by Marc. Approved.

The park field at town park was the subject of some discussion. The plates and home base need repair. It does not get used for organized games at this time, but in the future the Grandview girls softball team asked about using it perhaps. For now, Loren will repair the bases and get a replacement for the home plate.

Bayfield County Project: Trees will be logged on county land adjoining the trail at TLP. We have asked that a buffer of trees be left next to the trail. At this time, it is not known when this logging will be done.

Sign at the Barnes Road trailhead has been ordered according to Loren.

The large tree sections next to the trail where a tree was cut this spring have been moved to the park for climbing or sitting on. The large piece left can be cut and sawed to make into benches. Some trail work still needs to be done in that area so the groomer can easily get through.

The Friends of TLP discussed the making of a single-track trail by marking out and using snowshoes this winter. They may have an open house in October for the public to show off the new groomer and future plans.

The storage building was discussed and we'd like to get an estimate of cost to present to the board for the 2022 budget. A good size discussed was about 20' x 24'.

A sledding hill that is not as steep as the present one close to the Park Shelter was discussed. Some of us could try this area this winter. This is next to stairs going towards the lake.

Ice rink is in need of repairs, with large cracks in concrete and wood walls. Loren and Tom will take a look at it for solutions.

Tennis court resurfacing. Lee Sport Surfacing LLC in Little Canada, MN gave a written bid of \$27,950.00. We feel like it is a good bid and want to move ahead with this for 2022. Also, new windscreens that would be about \$3,000, for a total less than the amount in the town's tennis court sinking fund. These will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

Warming house heater is still waiting for installation by the electrician.

Budget needs for 2022 will be electrical work for heater in warming house, ice rink repair.

We will have an October 14th meeting, 9:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 with motion by Marcia, seconded by Terry. Approved.

Submitted by Terry Kolberg

