

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, May 9, 2024 at Barnes Town Office

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Vice-chairman, Marc Lybeck. Quorum was established with members present: Kay Erdahl, Barb King, Terry Kolberg, Mark Sutton, Marc Lybeck. Also present: Tom Renz, Town Board Liaison, Loren Bohl, Park Maintenance, Pat Johnston.

A motion to accept the agenda and dispense with reading of the minutes of April 11, 2024, was made by Kay, seconded by Terry. Passed.

The committee for the playground equipment will meet sometime this month to discuss options and costs to report at June meeting.

A trail work day appears to be unnecessary at TLP this spring. There is one large tree down that needs to be cut. Terry will check if the crew that cleaned up the beach last year is coming back.

Pat Johnston reported on what is being called the “memorial garden”. Some discussion ensued about whether to name it something else, like for instance “volunteer garden”, as it is a tribute to citizens who have given their time to volunteerism. The placement of the 3 trees is marked and should be planted about the first week of June.

Along with evaluating where the new Memorial Garden will be- it was looked at how people enter the town park. A walkway constructed of the same material that the walking trail is made of would help define an entrance. This would be between the propane tank and the garage and tie into the sidewalk by the dog waste receptacle. A sign like “welcome to the park “would be a great addition. A motion to construct this walkway/entrance was made by Kay, seconded by Barb. Passed.

Tom Renz reported that the garage permit was submitted to the county this week. He is hoping it will go through quickly as the planned date for pouring the concrete slab has to wait until it is approved.

The swimming raft should be put in the water at TLP beach this spring. The raft still needs reflective tape on the sides, plus a chain and anchor before installing.

The painted benches by the courts have peeling paint. New boards on the base were discussed and Loren will look at benches to determine what can be done.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kay, seconded by Mark. Passed. Adjourned at 10:20.

Submitted by Terry Kolberg

