

Park and Recreation Committee Meeting, April, 11, 2024, Barnes Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Blair Gagne at 9:30. A quorum was established with members present: Kay Erdahl, Tery Kolberg, Dawn Piburn, Barb King. On zoom: Blair Gagne, Marc Lybeck, Mark Sutton. Also present: Tom Renz, Town Board Liaison, and Loren Bohl, Park Maintenance. Attending on Zoom- Guest Pat Johnston. Welcome to Barb King as our newest member.

Public notification was posted on 4/9/2024.

Added to agenda was a letter from LEEP program. A motion was made to approve agenda and dispense with reading of the minutes by Terry, seconded by Dawn. Motion passed.

A grant was submitted to Bayfield County for their \$5000 health and wellness Grant with 50/50 match. The grant would be used to extend the snowshoe trail at TLP. Thanks to Countney Mashlan, Barnes EMT, for writing the grant and the assistance of Blair Gagne. Results of the grant should be known of the end of May.

Tom Renz gave the update on the permit of the garage at TLP. The park is divided into many small parcels and a new law no longer permits a new structure to be built across property lines. Therefore, 6 lots must be surveyed to combine into one lot where the garage will be placed. In addition, Maplewood Lane, a road on the plat map that was never built, has to be vacated, with a public hearing on April 15, 2024. With these done, then an amendment to the building permit will be submitted and hopefully receive the permit in June to start with concrete pour. In the meantime, the Town's attorney will file to vacate all the roads in the TLP property, so it will all become one parcel.

A discussion about whether a volunteer workday was needed to be scheduled for trails. Trails look to be in good shape overall with a couple trees down. No date scheduled at this time.

Playground Equipment is being researched by Kay and Terry. They have talked to several vendors and collected catalogs from a number of companies. There are many options and price points for these structures. Grants, in addition to the Bayfield County \$5000 Health and Wellness grant, could be researched as well. A sub-committee of Kay, Terry and Barb was formed to continue on this project.

Pat Johnston gave information on the memorial garden she is planning for Marci Wellnitz and Viola Frierhood. These 2 women contributed a lot to the Town of Barnes. A plaque will be included and it was discussed how to recognize and add citizen names, that have done a great deal of volunteer work, in the future. 3 maple trees will be planted and the local Garden Club has volunteered to water them for the first 2-3 years. The garden placement may be near the Town office building.

The LEEP program will be at TLP on May 1st. As part of this learning experience, the student will be planting some native plants and are asking approval from the town. The committee approves and Tom said a Motion is not needed.

Tom Renz informed the committee that all correspondence has to be sent as email, not texts, and to go through the town clerk. She will then forward to the members.

Marc Lybeck will be heading the next 2-3 meetings while Blair is gone. All meetings begin at 9:30 am. A motion to Approve meeting time made by Marc, seconded by Kay. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.