

## Recreation Board Minutes for 5/14/24

### Tyson Gym, 6 pm

Attendees:

Hilary Linehan, Leslie Berger, Ed Huang, Stephen Drew

Guests: Kelly Harman, Bryan Kovalick

- Pocket Park report (Anne)
  - Request for money for fence plus installation (Corner Rail Fence Company) from Mascoma Bank (\$1375 quote) was approved for \$1500
  - Selectboard approved Eric Thorp to do a couple of passes through Pocket Park when mowing Murray field
  - Looking for volunteers to help out with park work
  - SCC received funding and wants to put up a kiosk regarding SCC purpose, calendar, etc.
    - Anne will try to get information about it to share at the next meeting
- Installation of Bike Safety signs
  - Selectboard approved the proposal
  - Rachel from The Ranger offered to fully fund the proposal (\$315)
  - Lisa Bragg followed up with VTrans regarding proposal
    - Proposed sign is now obsolete
    - Cannot mix yellow warning signs with white regulatory signs on same post
    - Ed worked with VTrans to get specs for new sign, which is not yet available online
    - Ed received a quote for 6 two-part signs plus mounting posts/hardware
    - Ed forwarded the new quote to Rachel to see if The Ranger would be willing to provide any additional funding.
      - Rachel: Hi Ed, Thanks for your patience on this! We met last week and we would like to make a donation to the Strafford Rec Board in the amount of \$500 at this time. We typically make our donations at the end of the summer but want you to have some funds right away if you're looking to purchase the signs soon and can come up with the rest. We will keep the Strafford Rec Board in mind for an additional donation later in the summer too, but we're excited to support this project right away with something.
      - Where can I send a check?
        - Ed will ask Rachel to send a check to Lisa Bragg, with a memo noting that the funds are for the JMMH bike safety signs
      - Ed will follow-up with Hilary as to the proper procedure for approving the remainder of the funding ( $\$1294.18 - \$500 = \$794.18$ )
        - Rec Board
        - Selectboard (Highway Dept)?



- June 14 – Applications due to VTrans
    - Late June/Early July – Selection Committee meets
    - Late August – Notification to all applicants
    - October – Grant agreements in place/project work commences
  - Ed to work with Kelly, Stephanie, Brian to start to move it forward
    - Need to start with Selectboard agreement to fund 20% of BikePed Federal Grant Program Scoping Study for Shared-use paths (designed for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians)
- Input from Rec Board for upcoming town 10-year capital plan
  - Brian was looking to get feedback from Rec Board about capital projects
    - Red Barn renovations?
    - Concrete pad for ice skating during the winter and bikes/skateboards during the summer
    - Varney field – HR fence, scoreboard
    - Pocket Park – steps down to river, new shed?
    - Shared-use paths (designed for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians) parallel to JMMH between villages
- Philosophy & practice of Rec Board re: volunteer-run programs - can we sponsor these?
  - Kelly will look into liability issues
- Summer programs – status
  - Soccer Camp - all set
  - Art camp – approved for week of Aug 19-23, may potentially add a second week (Aug 12-16) if Leslie is available
  - Round Robin tennis program - Dan Gottlieb
  - Team tennis league - Hilary
  - Gravel bike rides - Dan Gottlieb
  - Wiffle ball – Stephen
- Ed: Pickleball line repainting scheduled but no firm date provided, will likely get <1 week notice (like for resurfacing) due to weather
- Ed requested and received approval for reimbursement for pickleball net frame part (\$29.50)
  - No sales tax, so did not need Lisa Bragg to order the part
- Backboard restoration – Instead of replacing 5 4'x8'x3/4" boards, Jason has proposed to fix issues via minor maintenance work, Ed will help
- Town calendar use for posting tennis/pickleball/rec field activities – Hilary/Ed
  - Currently there is not any complaints regarding of scheduling of pickleball vs. tennis court usage, so Hilary and Ed agreed to not attempt to manage scheduling unless the need arises.
- Check-in with Kelly Harman (new Selectboard liaison to the Rec Board)
- Offer from Pam Wasserman to repaint Red Barn sign - Jason to follow-up
- Rec board email address inconsistencies - follow-up
  - Updates?
- Red Barn Storage questions:
- Newton theatrical sets in Red Barn (They already have designated space, correct?)
- Storage of Town Office materials in the Red Barn

- Not a good place for storage of any kind of documents due to lack of security and climate/pest control
  - Lisa via email: Yes storage space in the Red Barn. It could be at the bottom level and cabinets can be locked.
- Storage of Stafford Saddlery donated tents in Red Barn?
  - This is an expensive tent, would be something that the Rec Board would support storing for general town usage
    - Parts appear to be in the Red Barn already
    - Could move to the basement
  - Ranger bike event and role of the Rec Board (no action taken?)
- Other
  - Stephen: Who organizes the July 4th softball game? Stephen is interested in helping to organize, still need to clarify liability issues
  - Alternative meeting times? Leslie will try to coordinate via email
    - Mondays are bad for Stephen
    - During the summer, Tuesday evenings are bad for Ed
    - Wednesdays are bad for Hilary