

## Recreation Board - Meeting Minutes – Draft

July 19, 2010

In attendance were Paul Brock, John Scoskie, Lisa Southworth, Jenny Lane, Demetra Small, Bridget Barry and Ernie Amsden.

Follow-up topics from last month:

1. Put up a gate at Carpenter. There is no right of way. Dale (the mowing guy) has agreed not to mow early on Sunday mornings to be courteous of the neighbors. **Paul Brock and John Olmstead** will install the gate. (There has been vandalism at Carpenter Field – Bob Hull has been notified and will try to monitor it more and also VLS security has also been made aware.
2. The parking lot at Carpenter Field has been graded to improve it.

New Agenda Items:

1. The decision was made that there will be no drinking at the “Concert at the Park” series. Waiting for more updates from **Jim Hewitt** on the status of these events.
2. The By-Laws for the Recreation Commission were brought up by **Demetra**. She will provide them to us by an email for us all to review at the next meeting.
3. Decision to make Baseball apart of the Recreation Board now that the league is Cal Ripken. The benefits would be that the Board would be able to offer scholarships to the families that need them. Paul said that they were unable to collect about \$400 this year. Another benefit would be the budget. It was decided that each sport that the Recreation Board oversees would have its own budget (book keeping) through the town treasurer. **Demetra** will check with Theresa tomorrow.
  - A. Lisa made a motion to combine Cal Ripken Baseball into the Recreation Board, John Scoskie seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Trying to create a survey to see what the community would like to see from the Recreation Commission. It was recommended that we all try to come up with a list of ideas and share at our next meeting. Some examples were like Donkey Basketball and the Globe Trotters.
5. “No Dogs Allowed” on Carpenter Field. What is the fine? As community members we have the right to tell them that there are no dogs allowed due to a town ordinance. Demetra will ask Nate about this and to see about posting more visual signs at all of the ball fields.
  - A. Paul made a motion to purchase 10 signs to hang (once the ordinance is checked). Lisa seconded the motion. All in favor. **Demetra** will ask Nate to order the signs.
6. Hiring a Recreation Director. Need a job description. This job has to be posted and the Recreation Board will hire the person. The resume will be sent to the towns P.O. Box. **Demetra** to finish the job description.
7. “Fix the Skate Park” – John Scoskie provided an estimate to do what it takes to repair the existing skate park that was purchased from “Zero Gravity.” Jenny feels that she has spent a lot of time on working on this that she feels we need to get it done. Graffiti Guard was a

product recommended to protect the park in the future. **John Scoskie** to do the work on the skate park.

- A. Jenny made a motion to have the work done by John. Paul seconds the motion. All in favor.

#### New topics

8. Coaching Clinics. John Olmstead is creating a soccer clinic curriculum. August 19<sup>th</sup> is his camp. Recreation soccer sign-ups will begin on the first day of school. Demetra asked **Jenny** to be able to put the form on our website. Paul also recommended that we post it in the Herald.
9. **Paul** will pass along John Olmstead's email address to Demetra to find out about another field for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade soccer program (Welch's field is out).
10. **Paul** will talk to John about "No cars" on the fields (including John's).
11. **Paul** would like to see about getting water back to Carpenter Field.
12. **Jenny** will ask Dale (the mowing guy) to week whack around the skate board park.
13. Paul brought up re-composting the fields again this year after soccer season. He has an estimate to do the job again this fall, the same price as last year. He also discussed that there is a goal to take the old tee ball field behind the varsity baseball field and get it back into a useable field. This estimate is about \$4000. **Paul** needs to discuss this with Marty Adams because Marty has stated previously the he would take care of it.
14. Carl Harrington's Memorial Stone at Carpenter Field – Paul would like to see it moved into a more noticeable location if possible. **Paul** will look into the details with this.
15. Paul would like to acknowledge Jim Hewitt and all of his efforts before the All-Star tournament that was held in South Royalton this year. Jim spent many hours prepping the fields. Paul received many compliments about the fields from many people. Paul would like to send Jim a thank you gift certificate for his efforts. **Bridget** to get the gift certificate.
  - A. Paul made a motion for a gift certificate for \$50 to Five Olde be given to Jim Hewitt. Bridget seconded the motion. All in favor.
16. **Demetra** will email us all a copy of the budget work sheets for us all to review at the next meeting. We need to do a budget then.