

## Minutes for 9/12/22

### Murray Field/Pocket Park 6pm

Present: Leslie, Jason, Hilary, Christa, Jack Lloyd (left at 6:15), Ed Huang, Karen Didrickson (left at 6:30)

- Skate Park update - It is setup, not much use yet, Jack wants to do a grand opening within the next month on a Saturday afternoon. Hilary will follow up with SB to see if we can store the items for the winter in the shed right there. Container can't be moved yet since it is full due to continuing renovations. The plan is continue the park in place for next summer to see how much it gets used to determine whether we should spend money and real estate on a permanent, concrete skatepark. Thinking Sept 24 or Oct 1. Jack will make rules sign before this event.
- Pocket Park report - Leslie has a written report, adding a bee hotel in conjunction with girl scouts, successful volunteer day and chain saw work to clean up after storm. still some wood left over that needs to be dealt with.
- Report on camps (Tennis, Art) - art camp was very successful and fun. Tennis camp didn't have enough to run in Strafford. Karen did some private lessons to those who were interested. Interest now in pickleball. Karen bought stuff that could become owned by Strafford rec since she had 17 people sign up for her clinic this weekend in 1 day. May try to keep doing it in winter in the gym. Board suggested that Karen post on the tennis court what hours she will be using the court for pickleball or tennis so folks using the court are aware. IT was agreed that we should probably put non-bright pickleball lines on the courts. Maybe a light blue or green. Hilary will investigate the lines as well as the repairs that haven't been completed.
- Storm damage - Special thank you to Eli's crew for cleanup above the school.
- Soccer program request to delegate responsibility to Rec Board - Jason
- Wheeled vehicles parked on the tennis court - discussion on the damage to the courts and how to prevent it. The board agreed that we think the divots are coming from bike pedals and scooters, mostly metal. Likely from kids learning how to ride or using scooters then dropping them. Christa will post to list serv and we will try to encourage bikes to go to the skatepark with bikes and scooters once Jack announces the "opening" dates. Also need to provide guidance about priority for tennis/pickleball on the west court. Also Christa will put up signage.
- Motion to rename the Pocket Park to honor Barbara & Wally - This came from the conservation commission. Board agreed to put up a plaque. Will work with commission on wording. Motion to use up to \$100 for a plaque, unanimously approved.
- Soccer field clarification - school is responsible for anything outside of the grass/field maintenance for their soccer season. One of the goals is broken as well. Understandin is that the school had paid for all of the goals, and Dave has donated nets and goals in past. CHrista wants to purchase a target for the goals, Will bring a proposal to next meeting.
- Frisbee Golf : Jason wants to spend any leftover money moveable on frisbee golf holes, \$150 each. Will have to wait and see where the budget comes out.
- Red Barn
  - Dumpster rental
  - Ongoing cleanout - update
  - Personal items stored inside Red Barn - it was agreed that someone will post a reminder about how to use the red barn for strafford residents.
  - List of accepted donations - will be part of the reminder for list serv.
  - maintenance - Jason will not do the work but will post to the listserv to try to find someone to do the work on the rear windows, or organize a work party. It was agreed that we will replace the lock with a key lock. Jason will organize a work date after talking to BJ to clean out the downstairs and the front of the upstairs of school items. Hilary will ask Clarks about using their truck this Sunday afternoon.