

Recreation Board Minutes

January 9, 2023

Present: Hilary, Leslie, Jason, Ed Huang, Anne Fayen

- Skate Park survey - Tori and Jack Lloyd were going to come back with a skatepark survey to go out. The board has tabled this discussion until they come up with a plan for the survey since the board had created a plan for the temporary skatepark and wants to keep that this summer to check on usage. Fence sections have been moved out of the way for plowing.
- Rec Board's collaboration with SNSP (Strafford Nordic Ski Program) - Jason took the donation check to the town clerk with indication that the money should go to the Lion's Club to go towards the purchase of the skis for this program.
- Red Barn
 - Open dates - no dates planned at this time. Citizens can contact Leslie Berger to get access.
 - Combination lock - a new lock will be installed this week. The Rec Board will not give out the combination due to things being placed in it that should not be, except for a few people who need regular access. The Rec Board will manage placing items in and taking out. Strafford residents wanting access should contact a member of the Rec Board for access. The board will work on a formal policy for groups to store items in the Red Barn. We will also plan a cleanout day for spring.
- Tennis Court
 - locate a contractor for repairs - Karen recommended resurfacing in addition to repainting. We are not sure if it is time for that yet since it has been 5 years since they were re-built. Ed has three contractors to try and has reached out. USTA may have some funding available, Ed has reached out to them as well. We may need to add some smaller tennis lines as well in order to get this funding.
 - pickleball lines/nets - once we determine what to do we need to determine where the pickleball lines will go and how to store the nets.
- Budget
 - Earmarked funds from 2022 budget - Any funds not spent go into the recreation reserve. We have a need to do some upkeep on the red barn as well as fix the tennis court. - 2023 Budget Request - Hilary has already requested level funding.
- Pocket Park
 - Anne discussed the possible receipt of the Newton Fund; Anne has some projects that could be done with this money, so she presented them to the board.
 1. Stone Threshold for entrance to the park
 2. Schisandra Berry bushes with a pergola approx. 6'x8' - room for a few chairs in the shade. would need a builder and someone to help harvest planned trees for use.Rec Board agreed these would be good projects. The amount of funding is undetermined at this time. Anne will determine the approximate costs, work on getting helpers and/or volunteers and request the funding.
- Ice skating - Board supports this rink on the Murray Field.
- Frisbee golf goals/baskets - tabled until we determine the amount needed to spend fixing the Red Barn.
- Town Report - Hilary will write and send around for proofing.
- Soccer Camp dates - proposed June 26-30th or the week before. Jason will work with the camp to finalize plans.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm