

Rec board meeting 9/11

Guests: Judy Englander, John Echternach, Nate Osheyack, Kelly Harman, Mary Anne Biggar – they all left at 6:30

Board: Ed, Hilary, Leslie, Anne Fayen arrived 6:18, left at 6:30.

#### Tennis Court update

- Repair Schedule – repair is complete. One sign has gone missing from the far side of the tennis court. It was agreed to wait to order another sign if it is needed.
  - Lisa Durstin - request for a plaque honoring Karen Didricksen to provide a thank you plaque and donation to the USTA in her name. Lisa has offered to cover the cost of the plaque and make a donation to the rec board in Karen's name. The board is requesting the language for the plaque and Hilary will work with the town to get it ordered and mailed.
  - Goals for Tennis Courts – tabled to next meeting.
  - Pickleball Nets – there is difficulty seeing the dark green pickleball lines on the tennis court due to shadows from the fence. Karen and Ed chose the colors after discussion about what to do back when we were determining what we were putting on the court. The preferred color is dark red, similar to the basketball court. It cost us \$250 per pickleball court to line them so we would have to agree to spend that or get donations to have them re-done. John has offered to volunteer time to re-paint in whatever capacity he can. The board suggested having a professional complete the work to ensure the best quality and having the appropriate tools on hand. The people here in support of pickleball offered to donate money to cover the cost. Hilary made a motion, Ed second, to contract with the company to redo the lines for a cost of \$500. Unanimously approved. The pickleball group agreed to work to gather donations to the town to cover the additional cost of repainting the lines.
  - A new center net strap is also needed for 1 tennis court, Ed will work with the town clerk to order this item.
  - The tennis backboards will need replacing soon. It was suggested we wait until after the winter, someone volunteered to complete this, Leslie will follow up.
  - Signage – new signage is up, we hope that people will read it and keep most wheeled vehicles off the tennis courts. People can go up by the school when it is not in session.
- Pocket Park report – Anne requested for any of the rec board members can sign her reimbursement forms. Ed so moved. Leslie second, unanimously approved. Anne needs more dog bags, which are somewhere in the red barn. The board will find them and put more in. Anne is probably going to move the rain barrels, haven't been needed recently. Doggie trash is supposed to go in the bins near the tennis courts, not near the pocket park. Anne wants to go forward with the split rail fence on the west side of the pocket park. Anne is trying to see if she can find a grant for this project to fund it, working through the town grants person.
- Preschool - wood chips – second round of chips came and is still in progress of being spread out, Preschool is planning to spread out the rest of the wood chips.
- Red Barn
- review of new arrangements & designated areas for community organizations, there is a map and all organizations with their own space have been notified. Leslie will reach out to the new community nurse and will create a master list of approved list for people to have a combination.
  - Dedication – tabled to next meeting, need Christa to provide an update
  - barn signage – the board is not going to order new signage for the barn at this time.
  - Electronics disposal at 9/30 Big Trash event - coordinate with Newton School

- Materials for Red Barn (duct tape, markers, cones, etc.) –we are not sure we need anything at this time. Could be a future discussion item. Need one more trash cleanout of the front area, will schedule in October.
  - open Red Barn dates – Ed is the main contact person. We will consider dates to have open dates as fall seasons are ending and winter seasons are starting. Schedule dates at next meeting.
- Murray Field
- Frisbee golf goals/baskets – tabled until next meeting.
  - Exchange goal-target soccer net – This was completed.
  - Apple tree pruning – This was completed.
- Art Camp Report – 34 kids attended, it was great, very successful, plan to do it again next year.
- Other
- Working with school regarding school's needs, the board has not yet had a response to our letter from the school so that we can discuss a plan. The rec board is waiting to hear back from the school on next steps.
  - Nate suggested there be pick up soccer or other things, he wanted to know how to determine when the field is available. We for suggested to go to the town clerk to see what is going on for reserved time on the field, and that he could just let people know to come down and play.
  - Electronic recycling, it was suggested to try to take the old electronics in the red barn to the large trash recycling on 9/30.
  - Alicia stopped by as we were wrapping up to express disappointment at the sign asking to keep most wheeled vehicles off the court. The board explained why the sign was there and suggested alternative options.

Next meeting is re-scheduled to Oct 16<sup>th</sup> due to holiday on second Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>.