

Recreation Board Minutes for 3/11/24

Parish Hall at the United Church of Strafford, 6pm

Present: Ed Huang, Jason Loomis, Hilary Linehan, Leslie Berger, Ann Fayen (left at 6:10)

- Pocket Park report

Anne is thinking about tree pruning and getting ready for spring. Anne is working on a plan for this. A horticulture class from TA is hoping to come visit to get some woody cuttings. Ann wants to actually put up the split rail fence and expects part of this will prevent Beavers from accessing certain parts of the park. Looking for a non-profit to adopt the pocket park for fundraising purposes. PTA? SAA? Question if friends of the pocket park is a 501c3? Anne will check in with those contacts.

- Budget questions

Ed shared the budget detail from 2023. Discussion about where to spend this year's budget. Focus is on red barn and baseball field. Board agreed not to purchase disc golf goals or fund the portolet at this time. This was something we did during Covid since buildings were closed, previously baseball would have funded. Soccer traditionally used the bathrooms in the gym building. Jason will connect with the baseball group.

- Funding to upgrade baseball fields to handle majors teams

Jason explained that the baseball program is planning to raise the money to fix the field and is not asking the rec board to fund. The board voted unanimously to allow the baseball program to upgrade the field.

- Signage for bike travel, update

Ed is still working on whether this is something the town can do, especially since funding is limited. Could we get creative with just standard signs that the town would allow to be put up. Each 18 X 18 in yellow sign is \$46. Could be attached to existing sign posts. Ed will make the request to the selectboard when he is ready to request them to be placed on specific posts. Board unanimously voted to approve up to \$350 purchase of these signs, pending selectboard approval.

- Open Gym report - no update.

- April Rec Board meeting date: April 8th - Solar Eclipse! Board agreed to skip the April meeting due to member availability..

- Other. : Christa notified the board of her resignation, effective immediately. Discussion about how to fill her spot, Leslie will reach out to selectboard to determine process to replace her. Board approved Leslie to take necessary steps depending on the selectboard response.

Old business:

- Request for a plaque honoring Karen Didricksen - Hilary has this in process, waiting for artwork to approve..

- Red Barn dedication - it was determined not to do anything at this time.

meeting adjourned at 7pm

- Other