

Montgomery Recreation Board Minutes

June 6, 2016

Present: Peg Doheny, Marsha Phillips, Nelson Mayhew, Stephanie Machia, Lily Powers, Corbin Erwin, Brendan O'Shea, Lisa Perry

Guests: Pat Farmer, Tim Murphy, Carol Farmer, Jodi Walker, Heather Haddick, Charlie Hancock

The meeting was called to order at 5:35

Reviewed last month's minutes. They were approved and accepted.

Covered Bridge: Three orientations for placement of the bridge were presented and one was supported by rec board members. It does not seem to encroach on field or ice rink space. Members were interested in an option to shorten the bridge as well which would lessen the length of approach ramps. The bridge committee will move forward to work out a budget and construction plan.

Grange: The art auction is scheduled for September 17, but there are concerns that the grange will not be available as a venue (being used as town office space) and many people are busy that weekend. Could move the auction to October if the Grange and volunteers are available.

Tennis: crack repair \$38 per hour @ 10 hours, \$.50 per mile @ 120 miles, \$26 per gallon @ up to 5 gallons = \$540 approximate cost. This is only a temporary fix; the crack will re-open. Are there other options? Lisa will contact Ray Desilets again to discuss best plan moving forward.

Riverwalk Park: There are several concerns being raised about people driving into the river, reports of needles, trash and altercations. Brendan is working with MRBA to organize tree planting along the river to discourage driving near/into the river. He will post signs to alert park users that "no motor vehicles" are permitted in the river and on the field. We would like to create a big sign that would encourage people to take better care of the area (especially trash removal). Could this be a day camp or middle school kids' project? Jim Cota from VTrans is on board with helping to redefine and pave the entrance to the parking area. We can reassess the need for further action after seeing what impact these measures have.

North West Vermont Wheelers ATV club contacted the select board in April about using Riverwalk as a trailhead and they were referred to the Rec Board. They did not contact the rec board but have put up directional signs on several roads. ATV use seems to be increasing, with some riders abusing the field and driving into the river. Concerns were raised that the club is moving forward without proper discussion and approval. Charlie Hancock is looking into this.

Summer Sessions: Eamon has the line up set and the funding is lined up. Concerts begin on 6/16. Brendan is organizing a mailing of the thank you letter to donors. Marsha made a motion to authorize payment for the bands and sound and Stephanie seconded it: \$1200 Seth Jacovone (Dead Sessions), \$500 Michael Hahn (Hornbeam), \$500 David Daly (The Atlantic Effect), \$700 Amie Koontz (Sweet Jayne), \$400 Michael Savino (Tall Tall Trees), \$1000 Kat Wright (Kat Wright and the Indomitable Soul Band), \$500 Jonah Tolchin (Jonah Tolchin Band), \$2100 Jon Betts, \$200 Justin Dennis. All voted in favor.

Day Camp: staffing is almost set, just need a person for the part time/overflow position. Joann Foote has requested tennis rackets, sandbox toys and a dog poop scooper. Lily will post for donations and see what we get in response. If nothing by two weeks, Joann should purchase what she needs for the start of camp. Also, we revisited the junior counselor situation. As long as the number is limited and the kids are helpful, there should be some available. Jay Farnham will train and evaluate junior counselors to ensure they are being helpful and appropriate. There needs to be a large, clear sign asking for donations from all day camp users; donations are greatly needed to help fund programs and replace equipment as needed. The charge is \$5 per day for out of town children. Jodi Walker and Heather Haddick are interested in facilitating activities for middle schoolers that have aged out of camp. Outings would be about once a week. Rec Board will check with select board about having this as a rec sponsored event. Jodi and Heather will look into after-school program money to cover expenses (and bus?). They will also send a letter about the activities home with middle school age kids on the last day of school.

Fourth of July: Marsha will get ice cream, Lily will organize children's games, Hornbeam will play from 1-4.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

The Recreation Board meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 at the Rec Center.
Submitted by Lisa Perry