

Meeting of the Montgomery Recreation Board
Minutes for June 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 5:30.

Present: Peg Doheny, Marsha Phillips, Journey Johnston, Lisa Perry

Guests: Walter Knight, Lindsey Wight, Renee Roddy

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Knight/Barnard land: Walter Knight presented plans and ideas for the old Cota Greenhouse property. It is expected that several recreation opportunities will be developed there.

Day Camp: A large percentage of age-eligible students have already signed up for camp this summer. There will be a camp for younger kids based at the Rec Center and a camp for middle school age kids based at Richford High School. Information will be posted on Facebook to remind parents to sign up their students. Camp starts June 28 and will be staffed and run by the LEAPS program. Marsha made a motion to use \$7000 of Rec department funds toward the cost of summer camp. Second by Peg and all voted in favor.

MRBA: Lindsey Wight presented a new initiative which aims to highlight the ways towns utilize and interact with their river corridors and create a sense of connection, shared responsibility, and stewardship of the river and floodplain. To this end, they are meeting with towns, creating an information sheet highlighting the ways towns value their rivers, and plan to bring feedback and townspeople together later this summer. We discussed a desire to increase river access in Montgomery for swimming and boating.

MCA: The Montgomery Center for the Arts is organizing art workshops and would like to hold a couple of events at Riverwalk. There is a pottery workshop August 7 and basket weaving in the Fall. Some participants would camp overnight for the pottery workshop. Rec members thought this plan sounded good.

Bocce: Marsha made a motion to spend up to \$5000 to build a bocce court at the Rec Center and up to \$2200 for benches to be placed at either end. Second by Lisa and all voted in favor. The work will be done by Avery Stanley.

Ditch work at the Rec Center: Peg made a motion to spend \$2345 to hire Avery Stanley to clear the ditch at the Rec Center and reestablish the grass. Second by Journey and all voted in favor.

Maintenance work: Multiple repair and maintenance projects, to be completed by Bill O'Brien, were discussed. Peg made a motion to spend \$445 to install sun shades on the pavilion, second by Lisa and all voted in favor. Peg made a motion to spend \$380 to scrape and paint the soccer goals. Second by Marsha and all voted in favor. Peg made a motion to spend \$570 to redo 3 bleachers. Second by Lisa and all voted in favor. Peg made a motion to spend \$1075 to replace the front door and repaint the two side doors. Second by Journey and all voted in favor. Peg made a motion to spend \$1570 to clean and re-stain the main building. Second by Marsha and all voted in favor.

4th of July: Marsha is getting ice cream and Journey is looking into organizing some games for kids. The parade will start at the public safety building at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Perry