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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Recreation Committee

Date of Meeting: June 28th, 2024

Members Present: Sarah Costin, Barb Marino, Deena Ruege: non-committee members sitting in: Tammy Taber, Town Admin. Paula Iken

AGENDA for Friday, June 28, 2024

1. Call to Order (Review of May 24,2024 minutes)
2. Conflict of Interest Statement
3. Announcements
4. Public Comments
5. Updates (park use)
6. New Business (new items, seasonal artwork for the artboard, cub scout overnight camping and service project, need for temporary I.D. for Howard Park entrance,)
7. Adjournment

1. Call to order 10:08 a.m.: Review minutes of May 24. Notations made on hard copy. Sarah

accepted the minutes and Barb seconded.

2. Conflict of Interest: None

3. Announcements: None

4. Public Comments: None

5. Updates: Park Use: The **Blast for Summer** has increased our visibility and park use.

Pavilion reservations have increased. **Cub Scout Pack 330** from Shaftsbury will be **camping** at Howard Park from **July 12-13**. They will be working on **service**

projects. We especially liked the ideas of making the **horse shoe pits fully functional again** and **weeding and mulching the three trees** alongside the **walking path.** It was also mentioned removing or refurbishing the fire pit along Tilgner Trail. I think it would

be advisable to speak with the Fire Department about which way we should go. This

could be a good service project for a later date. Scouts looking for an Eagle project could think about building benches for Howard Park.

Green Up Day: Town Administrator, Paula Iken, will get the **tonnage of trash** collected.

- I'll follow up with the number of posters that we requested for 2025
- Barb sent me a list of concerns that I passed along to Paula to research.

6. New Business:

Bird Art: We will reach out to Emily Umphlett again. She is the art teacher at Shaftsbury Elementary. Her third grade art students did such a lovely display of bird artwork on

the climbing wall that we would **like to enlist her help again** for a **fall and spring display.** We were thinking a **VT State theme for the SPRING:** State Flag, **Bird** (hermit thrush), **Flower** (red clover), **Tree** (sugar maple), **VT state animal** (the Morgan horse), **Insect** (the honeybee), **Fruit** (apple), **Motto** (Freedom and Unity), **Song** ("These Green Mountains"), **State Rocks** (granite, marble and slate). **FALL** display: **falling leaves, colorful trees,** any other **fall theme** that you or the kids would like to explore.

- I will get an email out to Emily in the middle of August.

Park items: We are still awaiting information on funding. **Paula** is applying for a matching grant from the State of VT "**Building Communities**" grant. We could qualify for up to \$25,000 in grant money!

- We need to think of **accommodating all members of the community** as they

visit Howard Park: **handrails** on the bridge leading onto Tilgner Trail, **seating** around the Park. Sometimes you just need to rest!

- **Playground** needs **new fill.** There are deep missing sections under the swings

in addition to the end of the slide.

- **Tennis courts** definitely need to be redone. I think that this is a top priority

Expenditure in addition to the **dog park.**

- **Signage for Howard Park: Tammy Taber from Peckham Daily's** in Shaftsbury

contacted Sarah. They would like to help **replace our stolen sign.** They have the

capabilities to reproduce a sign or pay the bill to have a new one made. They

can do it all! **Tammy's cell # 518 527-7372.** I am going to look through my photos to send her a picture of what our beautiful sign looked like. This can be a temporary sign or permanent. However, what we have standing at the beginning of our park is not attractive! Paula suggested if we have the sign stolen again, we could use a boulder to engrave information...hope it doesn't come to that. ☹️

7. Adjournment: 11:18 a.m.

Next meeting: July 26, 2024

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Cole Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Ruege (chairperson)