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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Recreation Committee

Date of Meeting: Friday, March 28, 2025 at 10:00AM at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

Members Present: Deena Ruege (chair), Sarah Costin, and Liz Duffy. Also present: operations manager Jen Holley.

1. Call to Order and review minutes:

The meeting came to order at 10:07 a.m. The committee reviewed the minutes from January 24: accepted by Sarah and seconded by Liz. The updated January minutes were emailed to our webmaster, Jen Holley. Minutes of February 28 were tabled, as we did not have a quorum present when the minutes were reviewed.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

None

3. Announcements

None

4. Public Comments

- **Dave Mance III** is our Tree Warden. He is looking for **community help** in identifying areas of **ash trees** along the 70 miles of roads in Shaftsbury. This would involve **inventorying trees** along the right of way on either side of the road-25' from center of the road. **Emerald ash beetles weaken and destroy ash trees**. Fallen ash trees create major problems on roads and any electrical and phone wires that they are near. By being proactive, we can get a sense of the problem in Shaftsbury and **develop a plan to lessen the destructive impact to our environment and town**. We would be removing the ash trees that are integral in the beetles life cycle. Dave is setting up a committee of Volunteers to address this problem. He has reached out to the Recreation Committee to collaborate with Green Up Day on May 3rd. Dave is preparing a simple Inventory Sheet to keep tally of what folks see as they **Pick Trash and Count Ash!** He will be with us on Green Up Day to give instructions. Other ways of getting the word out to the community was discussed: **Posters, CAT-TV, Front Porch Forum, Shaftsbury Facebook page, PTO at SES, Sandwich board** in center of town.
 - **Geoff Metcalfe** from Little League is coordinating with Mike Becker on the conversion field at the Park. The boys are now on the same page and there is no confusion!
5. Updates
- **Cathy Robideau is Helen Olney's daughter**. She would like to stay connected to the Recreation Committee as a representative of the Howard family. Cathy's email: cerobideau@gmail.com.

- **Dave Newcomb, security specialist**, scoped out the park for ideas to pass along to Paula on the placement of security cameras. **Deena to pass info along to Paula.**
- **Adopt a Park:** Liz to speak to Gabby Watson at SES. Gabby coordinates the after school programs. We will find out if we can partner with the school as a club activity; maybe do something on Earth Day.
- **Trex benches:** SES is almost done collecting plastic bags and will be getting a 2nd trex bench. The town can participate in the program. Town Collection bins can be placed at the transfer station and outside our town hall. A free bench is always welcome!
- **Message boards:** We agreed on the large green message board from uline.com. **Deena will pass along the info to Paula** to order
- **Dog park estimates:** Sarah worked on materials and estimates for the dog park at Howard Park
- **Soccer nets ordered** and **Tony** is also getting **pricing on mulch needed in the play yard.**
- **Corn hole:** Look into making it permanent so that storage would not be required. However, using the storage shed with a lock box or other security could be a possibility also.
- **Emily Umphlett** is having her 4th graders create VT themed pictures for the Art Gallery in the park for spring/early summer.
- **Howard Park sign:** **Jonathan** at Peckham has the Howard Park sign clear coated and ready to go. Mike Y. is waiting for the ground to dry enough to install the sign.

6. New Business

- **Dog Park:** **Sarah** worked on the estimates. She included a printout of her calculations. A nearby neighbor contacted her and offered 6'-8' telephone poles to be used as posts for the dog park fencing. The man has hundreds and we only need 80. Tony will look at them to determine their feasibility for our project.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned: 11:07 a.m.

The next meeting: April 25 at 10 a.m. at Cole Hall

Respectfully submitted: Deena Ruege

Dog Park Fencing Estimates (March 2025)

Size: Approximately ½ acre (590 lf)

Height: 4'

Posts: 80

Fencing wire/link: 600 ft

Boards (see Self-Built)

Middlebury Fence

Chain link- galvanized or black \$19,736 - \$23,891 2" line driven posts, 11-gauge wire, bottom tension wire

Post & wire- \$15,404 - \$18,607 Round pressure treated posts driven into ground, fixed knot 12.5-gauge wire stapled to posts. Site preparation and concrete core cuts not included in price.

Self-built post & wire

Pressure treated posts: 75 – 80 AC2 (treatment safe for pets, people, soil) 4 X 4 X 6 \$12.00/ea. =
\$900 - \$960

Boards: 150 – 160 1 X 4 X 8 \$5/ea.
\$750 - \$800

Concrete (50# bags Quikrete): 150 - 160 (2/hole)

- High Strength (Lowes): \$3.68/bag =
\$552 - \$589
- Fast Setting (Home Depot): \$6.91/bag =
\$1037 - \$1105

Gravel: 16.2 cu.ft. (5' or 0.2 cu.ft./hole) =
\$40

Fence wire: 12.5 ga. PVC coated, 4 ft. high, (6) 100' rolls

- 4 X 4 mesh \$260/100' X 6 =
\$1560
- 3X 3 mesh \$300/100' X 6 =
\$1800
- 2 X 4 mesh \$270/100' X 6 =
\$1620

Hinges (4) for 2 gates: Avg. \$17/ea. =
\$68

Locking latches (2) for 2 gates: Avg. \$20/ea. =
\$40

Wire fence fasteners: 5# =
\$26

Subtotal for fencing:

\$4973 - \$5388

Additional items:

Doggie clean-up bag dispenser (1):
\$570

Bench (Belson)

- Recycled plastic 6' Landmark Memorial
\$544

- Aluminum Memorial
\$647
- Concrete Memorial
\$943

Estimated Range of Total Cost:
\$6087 - \$6901

Example of fence wire sizes: