



Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Recreation Committee

Date of Meeting: Friday, April 25, 2025 at 10:00AM at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

Members Present: Deena Ruege (chair), Sarah Costin, Liz Duffy, and Tony D'Onofrio. Also present: operations manager Jen Holley, prospective committee member: Marie Watson, and members of the public: Kayla and Mike Becker

1. Call to Order and review minutes:

The meeting came to order at 10:04 a.m. The committee reviewed the minutes from February 28: accepted by Tony and seconded by Sarah. The March 28 minutes were accepted as is by Sarah and seconded by Liz.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

None

3. Announcements

None

4. Public Comments

- **Kayla and Mike Becker** thanked the Recreation Committee and the Town for supporting the conversion field proposal. **Kayla** has sent a **thank you note** to our town administrator and members of our committee. **Mike Becker spoke highly** of Mike Y. and our DPW crew for all their help with the conversion field. All went well and the field is beautiful! **Mike Becker** has volunteered to put **replacement shingles** on the roof of the front of the building housing the bathrooms. We **spoke of a fresh paint job** for the buildings around the ball field. The **travel teams continue playing ball** until it snows! Presently, I have game schedules for Little League and the Travel Teams. An **updated travel schedule** will be provided to us when Little League ends. Kayla is meeting with **camp managers** today from the BFYMCA and will be contacting me about **using Howard Park during the summer**.

5. Updates

- **Green Up Day:** Next Saturday, **May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, we will be in the **parking lot behind Cole Hall** handing out green bags and directing folks to areas to work on. The dumpster will also

be available for folks to throw their filled green bags. They can also leave the bags at the end of the road that they are cleaning up refuse from. **I will have some information available on the emerald ash beetle to hand out.**

- **Park Security Cameras:** No information yet.
- **Adopt a Park:** Gabby Watson sets up after school programs at SES. The program is set for the rest of the school year. We will **contact her about this idea for the following school year.**
- **Message Board:** The board has arrived. I need to contact **DPW to assemble it.** Some of the committee will go down to the park to scout out a visible placement for our message center.
- **Nets:** Tony has **soccer nets** and says that they will be in the park by the **end of the week.** I need to **check with Mike Y. on the basketball nets.**
- **Mulch:** Mike Y. will contact Mike Dwyer re mulch for the play area.
- **Cement planters:** They are on hold.
- **Other items:** The Howard Park sign needs **clear coat.** A **plaque in memory of Barb Marino** would be appropriate **under the Art in the Park gallery board.** **Opening and closing bathrooms** is an issue when folks reserve the pavilion or groups are using the fields. Having to go down to the park to do this task is becoming a problem. **Lockboxes were suggested...**something to explore. We thought about having the **cleaning service** that does Cole Hall come down to the park to **clean the bathrooms once a week...**just a thought. The **map of Tilgner Trail** at the kiosk identifying plants is probably incorrect for 2025. Sarah volunteered to walk the trail and look at the numbered posts in the ground to see if the plants on the map are still on the trail. **Deena has a vibrant copy of the original map** that she will bring to the next meeting. The **DPW** did a nice job **adding gravel** to Tilgner Trail.
- **Dog Park:** **Tony will contact Marcus** and check out the posts that he is willing to give us for creating fencing for the dog park. The posts should be kept at 8'.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned: 11:04 a.m.

The next meeting: May 23 at 10 a.m. at Cole Hall

Respectfully submitted: Deena Ruege