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Recreation Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Friday, October 31, 2025.

Members Present: Sarah Costin, Marie Watson, Liz Hutchinson. Town Admin: Paula Iken.

1. The meeting came to order at 10:08 a.m. The committee did not review the minutes from Sept. 26 and Oct 10, 2025
2. Conflict of Interest Statement
 - None
3. Announcements
 - None
4. Public Comments
 - None
5. Updates
 - **Parade feedback/Dog Park updates:** Dog costume parade and contest was a great success. \$373 collected as donations for Dog Park. Sarah has a list of folks willing to help with the construction: 4 folks are a solid commitment. **Work will have to be postponed** until early spring. Materials have been priced out already. Mike Y. will take care of mowing the flat area we will be building on. Sarah will get together with Mike and the DPW to study drainage during the winter. Funding for drainage is TBD.
 - **Artwork:** Liz has new artwork from Emily Umphlett's art class. The old artwork needs to be removed before putting up the new artwork. A ladder will be needed for this task. We hope to get this accomplished before the next meeting on November 21. While arranging the art we will consider the best placement for Barb Marino's plaque: top of the middle area is looking possible.
 - **Story Walk:** Sarah Case has requested **funds to cover thicker laminate for the Story Walk**. The artwork from Emily Umphlett's class uses thinner laminate. It is not appropriate for use on the materials of the walk. Liz has the cost of this thicker laminate and will forward it to Deena. The Story Walk will come to life again in the spring!
 - **Security cameras:** 2 cameras are up, one faces the road coming into the park and the other faces the parking lot. They are working well but some sort of lighting would be helpful for night viewing.
 - **Resurfacing tennis courts:** We are **still waiting** for a date BUT we are **price locked for the job**. Paula was suggesting 2 pickleball courts and 1 tennis court. We will have to check with the schools to get info on their tennis program. Pickleball is a great draw to the park and extremely popular.

- **Bathrooms and Water:** turned off until spring.

6. New Business

- **A Holiday Tractor Parade:** was **being explored** by community member **Art Whitman and Charlie Jenks**. It is **tentatively scheduled** to take place on **Saturday, November 29, 2025**: setting up area at Dailey's at 5:30 and start at 6p.m. Tammy Taber from Dailey's/ Peckham is taking command by checking on insurance and drafting a formal agreement. We cannot go public until this is in place. Participants will be tractors, trucks, ATV's, riding lawn mowers, etc. The only requirement for participants is that their **vehicles have lights...holiday lights** would make it festive! **A parade route is TBD**- possibly from Dailey's staging area. Possible enlisting of food trucks (Hound Dog is good to use), hot cocoa and popcorn...things to consider. The other option is to just feature the parade and see what we draw in as participants and spectators for our first time featuring this event.

Paula will contact the BANNER once we get the OK from Dailey Peckham to use their area for staging and contact the sheriff re crossing Rte. 7A

- 7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. (Motion by Sarah and 2nd Liz)

Next scheduled meeting: Nov 21, 2025 at 10a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Deena Ruege