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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices

Meeting Minutes

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Recreation Committee

Date of Meeting: Friday, July 24, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Location: The New Town Offices and remotely via Zoom.

In attendance:

- Deena Ruege
- Julie Hoar
- Marie Watson
- Liaison Jen Holley

1) Call to Order / Review of Minutes:

- a) The minutes of the **June 26, 2026** meeting were reviewed.
- b) Ms. Ruege called for a motion to approve
 - i) Marie Watson moved; Julie Hoar seconded. Minutes were approved.

2) Conflict of Interest Statement:

- a) None

3) Announcements:

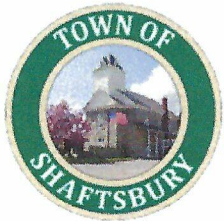
- a) None

4) Public Comments:

- a) None

5) Updates:

- a) Dog Park:
 - i) **Sarah Costin** contacted **Fred Pickering in Arlington**. He is **providing 120, 8' locust posts** with points for a cost of **\$1.00 per foot plus delivery**. Fred will provide us with a few delivery dates and we'll see which one works out best. He will send an **invoice to the town** when the posts are ready for delivery.
 - ii) **Laser level measuring device** can be rented from Home Depot for 4 hours at a cost of \$75.00. Julie will speak to her husband to find out if he has one that we can use. We need to create straight boundaries for the dog park. We can walk the distance with our phones, marking where the posts need to go with cemetery flags.
 - iii) **Jen Holley**, our liaison, mentioned the **need for sand** as a base in the dog park. We would drag the sand and let it compress to **form a flat surface**. Grass would grow through the sand. **Order of Operations:** Measure, Sand, Install Posts. **Concrete is needed for 10-12 corner posts**. **Contact Mike Y.** from DPW regarding sand and concrete. If DPW cannot do the cement, we will contact **Jonathan Kirk** at Dailey/Peckham.
 - iv) **Tuesday, August 4** at 9 we will meet at the dog park location to measure and mark



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the dog park area. Julie has approximately 50 survey flags that she can bring with her for marking locations of the post holes. Jen can provide flags after August 11.

- v) **Jen Holley** will **announce our August 4 workday** on the Town Website, Front Porch Forum and the town Facebook page. All hands are welcome!
 - b) **Tennis courts** should be open Monday, July 27. The curing process is complete. Deena will check on the location of the nets.
 - c) **Tilgner Trail:** The signs are down and prepped and ready to paint next week. The colors of the sign will be updated. The post near the tennis courts is in good condition and will replace the post in the back field. One of the updated Tilgner Trail signs will be affixed to it. A post and sign near the tennis courts is unnecessary. The memorial bench on the Trail needs to be secured...again. The chain securing the bench is missing! Julie is a master gardener and will update the Tilgner Trail map of plants and trees.
 - d) **Kiosk:** Julie will ask her contacts if someone can help with rebuilding it.
 - e) **Memorial Tree for Helen** will be a crabapple tree.
 - f) **Tilgner Trail Map:** Julie is a master gardener and will update the Trail Map and signage along the trail.
- 6) **New Business:**
- a) *We are talking about having a Community Day at Howard Park in late April/early May. This will take the place of our winter carnival idea. We would have to work around the baseball schedules when picking a date and time. We were thinking about a Friday night focusing on activities for kids and families.*
- 7) **Adjournment:**
- a) Marie motioned to Adjourn, Julie seconded.
 - b) Meeting Adjourned at **10:56 a.m.**
 - c) Next scheduled meeting: **August 28 at 10 a.m. at the town offices**

Respectfully Submitted by: Deena Ruege