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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices

Meeting Minutes

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Recreation Committee

September 25, 2026 – 10:00 AM at Shaftsbury Municipal Offices

Attending:

Deena Ruege

Marie Watson

Julie Hoar

Kate OKlein

Liz Duffey (via zoom)

1. Call to order/ review of minutes:

a) call to order at 10:00 by Deena Ruege

b) review of 8/28/ 2026 minutes , motion to accept minutes by Deena Ruege, 2nd by Kate OKlein minutes approved.

2. Conflict of interest: None

3. Announcements: None

4. Public Comments: None

5. Updates:

a. Dog Park:

Locust poles have been installed and fencing arriving at park today 9/25 by noon. Gates will be installed and another work party is scheduled for 10/3/26 from 9-12 to install fencing.

Total expenditures to date= \$4607.50. Additional funding to open park= \$415. After expenses, the remaining money from the Dog Park Fund=\$277.50

Sarah Costin will contact Tim at DPW about getting culvert installed so that the path from the parking lot goes up to the park entrance

b. Pickleball: Scheduling issues and software. Community member Sue Balutis joined to discuss recent issues with scheduling of pickleball courts. The Recreation Committee approved purchasing administrative access to the scheduler to allow oversight to the use of the courts by pickleball teams. It was discussed that Shaftsbury residents should have open access to use of the courts

c. Tilgner Trail: The bench along the trail has still not been secured. Follow up with DPW about getting the bench chained or secured.

d. The Kiosk at beginning of Tilgner Trail needs repair. The roof and the enclosures for the trail & plants map need new clear plastic inside frames. The post holding the east side has pulled away from framing. Repairs to the kiosk will be done by Phil Hoar in the next few weeks. Plexiglass and laminated posters will be hung after the repairs.

e. Community Day & other activities:

Dog Parade at the Green is planned for October 17th from 4pm - 6pm. Marie Watson will provide access to her tent and hay bales for the pet photos. Sarah Costin agreed to act as one of the judges.

A spring "Community Day" event @ Howard Park, was discussed, the date to be determined (May, 2027) to include a scavenger hunt to collect nature's items to build fairy house along the Tilgner Trail.

A possible pickleball lesson for children was also suggested as an idea by Sue Balutis.

Connecting with the director of the SES after school program was brought up, to involve the school age children to create fairy or gnome houses during the school year, before the event.

6. New business:

The 2nd Annual Tractor parade is scheduled after Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 25th.

7. Adjournment:

Marie W. motioned to adjourn, Julie H. seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22am

Next scheduled meeting : October 23, 2026 at 10 am at town office.