Town of Barre  
Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2016

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Tracy Wright, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Dave Rouleau and Shawn Corbett. Also present were: Heather Slayton, Angela Valentinetti, Dwight Coffrin and Carl Rogers.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Rogers stated two (2) additions to the agenda were needed: the maintenance supervisor’s report and an additional field use request. Dave Rouleau moved and Terry Smith seconded the motion to approve the written agenda with those additions. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Tracy Wright made a motion to approve the May 2 meeting minutes as presented. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Reorganization –
Newly appointed member Mike Gilbar introduced himself.
Rouleau moved and Smith seconded that Doug Farnham be elected Chairman of the Recreation Board. The motion was approved without dissent. Smith moved and Shaun Corbett seconded that Dave Rouleau be elected Vice-chair. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

There was some discussion about meetings. The board decided to leave its meeting schedule unchanged. Farnham suggested two meetings in April. One meeting for regular monthly business and another just for scheduling field use and talking with the leagues.

Guests –
There were no guests for non-agenda items.

Field Use –
a) Heather Slayton was present on behalf of the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School (BTMES) PTO. She requested approval and reservation to use the Millstone Hill West Bike Path and picnic shelter for a 5K color run on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 am to noon. Ms. Slayton explained the event would be part of the BTMES 50th anniversary celebration. On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the BTMES PTO’s use of the Millstone Hill West Bike Path for a 5K color run on Saturday, October 22 from 8:00 am to noon.
b) Rogers reported the BTMES fourth grade wants to use the upper soccer field for a field day on Thursday, June 9. On a motion by Smith and seconded the Board voted 6-0 to approve the fourth grade’s use of the upper soccer field from 9:00 am to noon on June 9, 2016.

Trow Hill Playground –
The Board reviewed the playground equipment installation and current condition. The consensus was the playground is being used often. Smith noted grass seeding is needed. Also she said the mulch has settled a $\frac{1}{2}$" to 1". Ulti-Play did a good job organizing the work, she thought.

Farnham asked about the top of the rope ladder. Dwight Coffrin said he thought something was missing. The top fastener still is loose, thus the caution tape over the rope ladder. Farnham noted a stripped bolt in the Magic Dragon needs to be corrected. Also, the post for the tallest step (toadstool) is loose in the concrete. It was suggested the post could be epoxied. The swings and swing chains were mentioned. The first sets of chains delivered were too short. Elaine Wang is getting longer chains.

Corbett said he met the public works superintendent and told him his (Corbett’s) father was delivering 2 loads of plant mix from Pike’s, possibly tomorrow (6/7/16).
Festival –

Smith said 201 people were counted on the clicker. Thirty-four (34) children turned in their B-Rex Challenge forms and received a medal. Another 20+/- said they did the challenge but didn’t have a form. They all were given a medal. She mentioned a few of the comments: liked running the bases, liked kids attractions; liked everything, liked medals. Someone wrote activities for 2-4 year olds was needed. Someone else asked for free water (It was hot.) Smith said she’d do it (Festival) again. She said the Touch-a-Truck was a big draw. Smith noted if the event is held again signs should be put up in the park and at the playgrounds. The hours were okay, but Wright said maybe the Festival could run to 3:00 pm.

Wright said the crafters did okay. Rouleau said the bouncy house and face painting were popular. Coffrin said the roadside signs need to be larger with dark letters.

It was reported the high school students were great volunteers. Wright said she needed volunteers earlier. Corbett said he doesn’t need to do geo eaching demonstration again.

Trow Hill Redux –

Angela Valentinetti arrived. She said there were six cars at the playground when she came by this evening. It was noted nothing has been done with the hop scotch asphalt patch. Elaine Wang is to finish that. A grand opening was discussed possibly on August 16 (the date of the ice cream social). Burgers and hot dogs could be served. Animal balloons and face-painting could be offered.

Ice Cream Socials –

Most members said they would be at the socials and stated the nights they could attend and help. Rouleau said he has an ice cream donation commitment from Hannaford’s and H.P. Hood. He said he asked Ben and Jerry’s for a donation but doesn’t have a reply yet. Members will ask neighborhood stores for a small donation of ice cream in exchange for co-sponsorship. Farnham said he’d see if he could get a free banner. The board felt the socials need to be held rain or shine; no make-up dates. Someone mentioned the Trow Hill neighbors should be asked for permission to use their driveways. Wang will be asked to request permission.

Photo Contest –

Smith reported the Times-Argus still is willing to run the contest, but on their platform it will be a public voting contest. Set up and instructions should be ready by the end of the week. The new contact at the Times Argus will be Rob Mitchell. There was discussion about the calendars. Seven hundred fifty calendars would cost $2,860. Consensus was that was too many calendars to try selling and maybe the order should be for just 200. Farnham will talk to Jet Service Envelope about cost and number of pages in the calendar. Next meeting, knowing the number of pages for information, the Board will discuss information to be included on the calendar.

Brook Street Sign –

Rogers reported on the zoning regulation about signs in the very high density residential zone where the Brook Street forest parking area is located. The DRB would have to approve a sign over 4 square feet. There was discussion about informing users they found the forest parking area with lettering on the garage, with another small Parking Area sign, or a large state park type sign. On a motion by Corbett, seconded by Wright, the Board voted 6-0 to put Dave Rouleau’s sign plan before the DRB.

Parking –

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the board voted unanimously to authorize No Parking type signs at the Upper Westerville Playground parking area and at the Carnes Road entrance to the East Barre Park. The signs would read, “Parking for Playground Users Only, Violators Will Be Towed.” At U.W. a second sign will direct forest users to 44 Brook Street. The Board decided not to authorize a handicap parking space at U.W.
Capstone Picnic Shelter Fee –
   Smith made a motion to waive the $50 picnic shelter use fee for Capstone’s Headstart program which used the shelter on June 6. Rouleau seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Maintenance Report –
   Coffrin reported on various maintenance matters. He mentioned the baseball field bases and right field foul pole need to be re-aligned. He has a cost quote of $691 to install 3 timer switches on the tennis court and volley ball court lights. He is looking for someone to trim the cedar hedges around the tennis courts. The consensus of the board was the hedges should be trimmed before removal is considered.

Other Business –
   Farnham said he visited a couple of playgrounds. He found a hole in the ground under the back right corner of the U.W. fence. Smith mentioned street signs at Wilson Street and Park Street. Rouleau said the tether ball at Lower Graniteville is missing – again. It was decided to replace it one more time.

   Rogers reported the CV Runners submitted a $213 donation which are the proceeds from the Barre Town Spring Run. He said someone representing Senior Babe Ruth called inquiring about using the baseball field but called in today to say they couldn’t collect enough players.

Round the Table –
   Wright said the park restrooms smelled bad and asked for time based deodorizers. She would like a printed copy of the meeting materials at the meeting. She requested the Fall Festival be on the next agenda. Smith and Rouleau commented on a couple of issues. Rouleau also said he’d like to continue exploring the idea of creating a dog park. He was directed to the town report for a list of town owned properties. He read a letter of appreciation from the Quarries Throw-Down disc golf tournament organizers. There were 82 players in the tournament. Farnham talked about selling banner space on the softball field fence for the period of time the BTMES is closed for summer. He suggests it as a fund-raiser.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm on a motion by Corbett, seconded by Smith. All were in favor.

Recreation Board Members

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