The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Tracy Wright, Angelo Arnold, Terry Smith, and Dave Smedy. Also present were: Linda Mercy, Angela Valentinetti, Elaine Wang, Dwight Coffrin and Carl Rogers.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Terry Smith made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Tracy Wright seconded it and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Wright, the board voted 5-0 to approve the April 4 meeting minutes as presented.

There were no guests to talk with the board about a matter not listed on the agenda.

5. **Field Use** -
Rachel Knapp submitted a field use request on behalf of the Women's Soccer League. Rogers reported he called Knapp that afternoon to ask for the full name of the league and for the schedule: How many games per night would be played? She had not called back. There was discussion about painting lines for the Women's League and about the per game fee. Dwight Coffrin said after the initial painting it would take 2 hours to paint the lines and a minimum of 4 cans of paint. Farnham moved and Smith seconded the motion to approve the Women's Soccer League's request to use the upper soccer field conditioned upon receipt of an insurance certificate and to charge a per game fee of $10 per team if the fields are not lined by the town and $25 per game per team if the town lines the field. The board approved the motion unanimously.

6. **Skatepark** -
Linda Mercy reported on the new rules sign quote from Always on Time Signs and Designs. The new sign would look just like the existing sign, except it is on DiBond Material, and would cost $544. It was pointed out, in the second bullet on the right side, the word Both did not need to be capitalized. Smith made a motion to authorize purchase of the rules sign and to use Skatepark Donations Account money to pay for it. Smedy seconded the motion. Mercy mentioned two (2) "Helmets Required" signs also would be ordered. Smith included these two (2) signs as an amendment to her motion. Smedy agreed to the amendment. The board voted and all were in favor of the amended motion.

    Mercy gave information about the new ramp. David Wood will design and build the new ramp. He designed the skatepark as it is today. Hopefully he will come check out the park this week to begin the design and construction. Mercy said the new ramp would not be done in time for the Spring Into Summer Festival but should be done this summer. She said it will cost about $10,000. Rogers said there is about $17,000 in the donation account. Mercy said Wood would work on the existing ramps, too.

   Mercy told the board the Learn-to-Skate event would be June 17.

7. **Photo Contest** -
Smith said the Times-Argus is ready to launch the contest. The board needs to settle some details. After discussion there was consensus to start advertising the contest soon as possible. The deadline for submitting photos would be September 9. The target date for placing the printing order would be September 16. The board would like to start selling calendars October 1. Furthermore, the board was in agreement the photos had to be of or show activity in a town recreation facility.
Several aspects of the topic were mentioned. Board members listed information that might be included in the back of the calendar. The question of offering prizes was raised. Outlets for publicizing the contest were mentioned. The type of calendar was noted as an option for using more than twelve photographs.

On a motion by Wright, seconded by Smith, the board voted 5-0 to start and run the photo contest from May 3 to September 9 and to authorize the Times Argus to manage the site for receiving photos and the contest in general.

The board requested this matter be on future meeting agendas for the purpose of making decisions about informational content, the type of calendar and prizes.

8. Trow Hill Playground -
Angela Valentinetti and Elaine Wang were present for this item. Wang reported numerous and varied bits of information.

- She said she talked to Burnie Allen about benches and he suggested leaning posts instead of benches which could disappear. Angelo Arnold suggested fastening the benches to concrete footers. The board preferred benches.
- She said a time lapse video of the installation might be cool but who could be asked to do it. The board suggested the SHS photography class and CVTV be asked.
- During the site visit the public works superintendent and Coffrin suggested that near the front gate the path have wide sweeps with a small green space center instead of a sharp intersection. The board seemed to agree with that suggestion.
- She said someone from Upper Graniteville suggested that the fun hoop be transferred from the Park Street Playground to Trow Hill. The board said the fun hoop should stay at Upper Graniteville.
- There was discussion about what to do with the metal slide coming out of the Trow Hill Playground. Wang said the public works superintendent expressed an interest in it. The board members tossed out ideas for re-using it in a scrap metal sculpture or in the town forest. It was suggested Studio Place Arts be asked if an artist wanted it.
- The High Mowing Seeds fund-raiser didn't raise quite as much money as expected because a third party took a share of the sales. The fund-raiser netted $216. The sandwich board announcing the community build will be installed tomorrow. Thirty-three volunteers have signed up. Smith said when she spoke to the Kiwanis Club 4 members signed up to help.

The installation consultant provided a work sequence plan.
The town crews are removing old equipment next week.
The American Legion commander has found an equipment operator for digging post holes.
Casella's is donating dumpsters. Water is needed for concrete work.
The church has an insurance concern about use of its parking lot. Staff will work on a certificate of insurance naming the church as additional insured for those 3 days. 202 yards of wood chips are needed.
The path might not be recycled asphalt. Coffrin and the superintendent recommended paving it. Food and drinks will be offered. Angela will use her grill to cook. Coffrin will bring some picnic tables from the recreation area.

9. Spring into Summer Festival -
Smith presented posters. Wright said about 20 crafters/consultants had signed up. She turned in $190 in fees from some vendors. Valentinetti asked if the Boy/Cub Scouts could have a table. Wright said it would be free but the troop would have to bring its own table. Farnham asked to have the park road graded before the event.
Smith showed the board the skills challenge posters which would be laminated. The score or time to beat would be written on the laminated poster. She handed out the pamphlet. Some playground address errors were noted.

There were questions and answers about the waiver form. Shopping for the supplies was on the agenda. Wright and Smith will buy the articles on a list Wright sent to Rogers. Arnold has the volunteer t-shirts. The board will check their sources for folding tables. Wright will answer Lets Grow Kids inquiry about having a table at the event.

10. Other Business -
Coffrin reported on maintenance activities since the crew started work April 18. He told the board about the Over 30 Men's Softball League's work bee. He said the fence and backstop posts were re-set, benches and roof lumber were painted, and softball field light bulbs were replaced. Water will be turned on tomorrow. The mowing equipment is ready to go.

11. 'Round Table -
Dave Smedy said this is his last meeting because his term is expiring and he no longer lives in Barre Town. The board members expressed their appreciation for his service and input.

Smith asked if the town should take over some disc golf course maintenance expense and duties so 4 people don't have to do everything. She announced the Wilderness first aid class on May 19. BTEMS will teach it.

Farnham asked about softball leagues' insurance needs and the Brook Street town forest sign. He said the board is working on a donation. What are the regulations for a sign? He asked if the board or MTA should work on securing the Littlejohn Road parking lot for MTA. Rogers said that is MTA's obligation. The town has a pre-approved site for a Littlejohn Road trail head if and when it is determined it is necessary.

At 8:37 pm on a motion by Wright, seconded by Smedy, the board voted, without discussion or dissent, to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

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