The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Tracy Wright, Angelo Arnold, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Shaun Corbett and Dave Smedy. Also present were: Elaine Wang, Carl Rogers, Andrea McLaughlin, James Carpenter, Stacy Cadorette, Hunter Chase, Craig Chase, Andrew Powell, Adam Wheatley, Brian Kinyrie, Craig Locarno, Bill Durbrow, David Bullis, Damion Craig, Marcy Christian and Dirk Anderson.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

On a motion by Dave Rouleau, seconded by Shaun Corbett, the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented plus one additional field use request under Other Business.

Terry Smith made a motion to approve the March 7 meeting minutes as presented. Corbett seconded the motion, which the Board approved by a 7-0 vote.

4. Field, facility use reservations:
   a) Barre Town Spring Run (5K) organizer Andrea McLaughlin was present. She requested use of the Millstone Hill West Bike Path, picnic shelter and track on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. Following a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reservation with the condition that the CV Runners submit a certificate of insurance. McLaughlin said proceeds from the race will be donated to Barre Town Recreation.

   b) Stacy Cadorette represented the Barre Lions Club. She said 13 teams of 5 players will be accepted to play in the Lion Club’s Community Disc Golf Challenge on June 14 from 5:30 pm to dark. After the challenge, a BBQ will be offered at the 44 Brook Street parking area. She submitted a certificate of insurance at the meeting. On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Corbett, the board unanimously voted to approve the reservation.

   c) Phil Joyal submitted a request to reserve the Barre Town Recreation Area, except the picnic shelter, track and soccer field for the BTMES 7th and 8th grade field day. James Carpenter spoke on behalf of Mr. Joyal. The requested date is June 7, same as the 7th grade. Rain date is June 8. Rouleau made a motion to approve the BTMES 7th and 8th grade field day request. No insurance certificate is needed because the user is the BTMES. Dave Smedy seconded the motion and the Board voted 7-0 to approve it.

   d) James Carpenter is a BTMES teacher assisting some students with their community service learning project. Their project is sponsoring a Family Fun Day. Rouleau made a motion to approve the BTMES students’ Family Fun Day on May 28 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Barre Town Recreation Area. Tracy Wright seconded the motion. The Recreation Board approved the motion without dissent. Smith offered to meet with Carpenter the next morning to discuss coordinating the Spring into Summer Festival with the Family Fun Day.

   e) Hunter Chase, a BTMES student, was present to talk about his CSL idea. He proposed a disc golf awareness event on Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. He said his event would be for everyone. He would have people on hand to show people how to toss a disc and to show the course to first-time users. Corbett moved that Hunter Chase’s disc golf event as described at 44 Brook Street and Quarries Disc Golf Course be approved. Wright seconded the motion, and the Board voted 7-0 in favor.
Andrew Powell represented the Green Mountain Disc Golf Association (GMDGA). The GMDGA request a reservation on the Quarries Disc Golf Course and in the 44 Brook Street parking area for Saturday, May 28, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The event will be called the Quarries Throwdown. It is an individual tournament, which drew 45 competitors last year. Lunch will be offered at the 44 Brook Street parking area. Wright moved that the GMDGA event be approved and that the Quarries Disc Golf Course and 44 Brook Street parking area be reserved on Saturday, May 28 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm for the tournament, provided a certificate of insurance is submitted. Rouleau seconded the motion and it was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The Ch.O.I.C.E Academy would like to hold a 5K run/walk on the Millstone Hill West Bike Path again. Garrett Washburn, the Special Activities Coordinator at Ch.O.I.C.E was present. He said the date would be Saturday, April 30. The time would be 8:30 am to noon. He said they are hoping for 125 participants. Rouleau made a motion, seconded by Smedy, to reserve the bike path, track and picnic shelter for Ch.O.I.C.E. Academy’s 5K, with the condition a certificate of insurance is provided. All voted in favor of the motion.

5. Scheduling:

The Board first considered requests for the softball field. The BTMES girls softball team and the C.V. Women’s League submitted requests before the meeting. The Men’s Over 30 League and Barre Men’s Softball League submitted requests at the meeting. The requests are:

- **BTMES, M-F, April 11 – June 2, 2:30 – 5:00 pm**
- **C.V. Women’s, every other Friday, May 20 – July 22, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- **Over 30 League, M, W, May 9 – Aug. 27: 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm, plus some Friday nights**
- **Barre Men’s League, T, Th, 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm and Sun., 12:00 – 8:00 pm, May 10 – Aug. 21**

Rouleau moved that all four requests be scheduled as presented with the condition that the three leagues provide a certificate of insurance. Smedy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Over 30 and Men’s Leagues’ rep discussed work plans with the Board. A work bee is being planned for April 30.

The Men’s League rep stated his leagues’ play-offs are planned for August 19-21. The Over 30 reps said their league’s play-offs would be August 25-27. On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Wright, the play-off schedules were approved.

The Over 30 league reps mentioned their plans to hold a large co-ed softball tournament in September. The tournament would be a fund-raiser for the field. The Board asked the league reps to come back to a meeting in the near future to discuss it. Rogers will contact Mike Hulbert about fall soccer and their use of the softball outfield.

There were three requests to use the baseball field:

- **BTMES boy’s baseball, M-F, April 11 – June 2, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**
- **Barre City MES boy’s baseball, M-F, April 11 – June 2, 5:00 pm – dusk**
- **Barre Community Baseball, M-F, 5:30 pm – dusk, plus some Saturdays June 1 – August 1**

Corbett moved to approve all 3 requests; seconded by Rouleau. All voted in favor. Brian Kiniry said BCB has potential for 3 Babe Ruth teams this year. Farnham asked about a work bee. Kiniry said it wouldn’t happen for 6-7 weeks.

Next the Board considered BCB’s request to use the South Barre Fields from May 1 to June 15, M-F, 5:30 pm to dark, plus some Saturdays for t-ball and Pony League girls softball. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Wright, and all were in favor.
BCB explained its request for the Little League field was for practices, if needed. Kiniry said BCB’s Little League is moving from Spaulding High School to the Bond Fields. The lights will be going to the Bond’s Fields. Corbett made a motion, and Smith seconded it, to approve BCB’s request for the Little League as presented. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Craig Locarno said BCB has 65 players in minor league. All the games are played in Williamstown. They would like to see the Little League be improved.

Barre Amateur Soccer Association (BASA) requested use of the lower and upper soccer field for girls U-14 and U-16 and boys U-14 soccer. The upper field would be used for practice primarily. The time period is April 11 – June 30, M-F, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, plus some games on Saturdays and Sundays. There was discussion about lining the fields for soccer. Angelo Arnold reported the town’s line painting machine was not repairable. Dave Bullis said BASA lines the lower field before games. Corbett made a motion to approve BASA’s request for both fields, less May 28 and June 4. Wright seconded the motion. The Board voted 7-0 to approve it.

**Receive Guests:**

Marcy Christian and Dirk Anderson of Millstone Trails Association were present. They reported Nathan Reigner stepped down as president because he moved out of the area. Christian and Anderson will be co-presidents. They said they plan to re-open the Sidewinder Trail, this spring. Rogers offered to contact Pierre Couture about retrieving wood from along the trail and use it for Rockfire.

Rouleau suggested MTA inventory its contents in the garage, in case it is broken into.

Grass mowing at 44 Brook Street was discussed. The Town, MTA, Thunder Chickens/Quarries Disc Golf will split the mowing. The Town will mow and pick up leaves September and October. The other groups will decide who mows when from May to August.

MTA is looking for a new board member.

**Trow Hill Playground:**

Elaine Wang reported the recommended tot structure and tire swing cost $7,927 and $2,500, respectively. She said she was requesting the Board vote to recommend these items so she could get Selectboard approval the next night. There is free shipping ($1,800 value) if equipment is ordered by April 15. Corbett made a motion, seconded by Arnold, to recommend purchase of the tot structure and tire swing as presented. The motion was approved 7-0. The consensus of the Board was the tot structure should be done in primary colors.

Corbett reported he got a commitment for crushed stone from Pike Ind. There was discussion of using recycled asphalt (rap) for the paths. The crushed stone from Pike could be used for the driveway/parking area. Northeast Materials wants to donate gravel. It could be used at Upper Websterville.

A list was made of businesses and individuals who might donate equipment. Wang said the community build goes on regardless of rain, unless it is not safe. She said volunteer recruitment stands at 25 yes and 25 maybe, so far. The Board agreed she could buy MDO board to make a sandwich board sign. She said a resident asked about a child proof gate at the front entrance. The Board was not in favor of installing one. A question about having a sand box was raised. The Board thought it would attract cats and be a high maintenance demand.

Arnold reported the tree in the middle of the playground was a good candidate to support a tree house or deck around the tree. The consensus of the Board was not to build the tree house. He also reported on the
tunnel made of a large plastic culvert. An engineer at Norwich suggested it wasn’t a good idea. After a while it would start to break up and become an eye sore. The Board said no tunnel.

Wang reported the Town will receive $250 from the High Mowing Seed fund-raiser.

**Spring Into Summer:**
Wright reported there are 4 crafters and 7 vendors who have committed so far. She turned in $260. She said 14 more crafters/vendors are interested.

Smith gave Rogers a draft waiver and asked that it be checked. It would be signed by parents of BRex Challenge participants and the displayers.

Arnold will get t-shirt order information to Rogers. Smith said Nelson’s and Allen Lumber are donating material. She passed around a draft pamphlet that would show a Festival map inside. There were comments and she will continue working on it.

**Street Number Signs:**
There was discussion about emergency response to playgrounds or the recreation area. It was suggested the town give the 911 address on the website or in publications whenever listing the playgrounds.

**Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament:**
Smith told the Board Shawn Stabell is coaching the BCMES baseball team and doesn’t have time to organize the tournament. He is asking another organization (Barre Swish) if it wants to hold the tournament.

**Other Business:**
Rogers told the board another field use request was received after the agenda was completed. The organization is Good Goals. They want to use the East Barre Field for 2 one-week camps, June 20-24 and August 15-19. Times would be 9:00 am to noon. Rouleau made a motion to approve Good Goals request with a charge of $50/day and requiring a certificate of insurance. Smedy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Round the Table:**
Corbett said Nick Sweet can’t have a race car at the Touch-a-Truck event. Several other racers were mentioned as possibilities to bring their race car to the event.

Wright asked about the Rec’s Google calendar. Rogers said he thought the Google calendar the former assistant made was over-crowded to the point of being unlegible. He showed the Board the Recreation calendar on the new website.

There was discussion about the photography contest and producing a calendar. Smith advised how the Times-Argus could help. The Board asked for discussion at May’s meeting.

The starting time for the ice cream socials was set at 6:30 pm.

Arnold asked about the Trow Hill benches. Wang said she’d apply to Home Depot for a materials grant.

Smith said Restore is ready to work on the Upper Graniteville shelter. Farnham said it is on hold until Lori Bernier finds someone to do the concrete work.

Smith said she called EMS Director Chris LaMonda about offering a wilderness first aid course. LaMonda was very willing to do it.
Rouleau said the egg hunt seemed to go well. He asked for a review or discussion about it at a future meeting. He mentioned a new company in Barre that produces virtual tours. He asked if the company could be invited to a meeting and discuss producing a virtual tour of the town forest. He is working on a flyer about the ice cream socials. He asked about asking neighborhood stores to sign-on as co-sponsors of the social in their neighborhood. The Board thought that was a good idea. He said he'd like to see a town team entered in the Lions disc golf tournament.

On future agendas he'd like to talk about a town forest sign at Brook Street, the dog park, and orientation, roles and responsibilities of board members.

Farnham said the budget going to the voters includes some money for the softball field backstop.

On a motion by Corbett, seconded by Rouleau, the Board voted unanimously without discussion, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm.

Recreation Board Members

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