The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a special public meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 149 Westerville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Terry Smith, Tracy Wright, Dave Rouleau, Mike Gilbar and Shaun Corbett. Also present was Carl Rogers.

Chairman Doug Farham called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

This was a special meeting called for the purpose of discussing the Board’s budget requests. There was no agenda to approve.

Possible Budget Items:

1. **Dog Park** – The Board and dog park supporters still are in the preliminary planning stages, but the FY 17-18 budget runs through 6/30/18. The Board requested $3,000 for the dog park be included in the FY 18 budget. The request is not for any specific expense and is intended only as contribution to revenue needed to develop a dog park.

2. **Skate Park** – Dave Rouleau reported Linda Mercy forwarded information about the skatepark improvement idea started last year. The project cost estimate is $20,000. Ms. Mercy asked if the Town would contribute $5,000. After discussion the Board asked that $3,000 be included in the Recreation budget request.

3. **Disc Golf** – Farham said the disc golf course needs some work with gravel, markers and t-boxes. There was discussion about the disc golf course developers raising money to pay maintenance and repair expenses. Rouleau pointed out the insurance conundrum. Events could be held to raise money, but if insurance is required for an event the proceeds go to buying insurance. Mike Gilbar offered to research coverage options through VLCT PACIF. The Board asked that $1,000 for disc golf maintenance and repair be included in its budget request.

4. **Tennis** – Rogers advised that in the 5 year court maintenance plan, the tennis courts are to be repaired during FY 17-18. He reviewed 4 options supplied by Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing. The cost of the 4 options ranged from $14,400 to $225,000. He read the work to be performed under each option and noted the difference from one option to the next. Staff’s recommendation is to use the second option at an estimated cost of $25,904. After the improvement is made money would be set aside for 3 or 4 years to pay for work outlined in the third option, which would cost $65,000 - $70,000 and last 5-15 years. The Board liked that recommendation and asked that $25,900 be included in its budget request.

5. **Cable** – Dwight Coffrin obtained a cost estimate for cable ($100 per 250 feet). $400 would buy 1000'. The Board requested $1,000 total for cable, some posts and hardware.

6. **Bond Fields** – The Bond family asked the Board to consider taking over maintenance of the Bond Fields. The Board did not request money be included in its budget proposal, rather it wants to talk about this with the Bond family representative.

7. **Programs** – Terry Smith asked if there is enough money in the Program Expenses (.340) account. After checking the details and discussing, the Board asked that this account be increased to $5,000 with the increased amount to be added to Miscellaneous.

8. **44 Brook Street Sign** – Rouleau asked for (and the Board concurred) $500 be included to make the 3' x 5' Town Forest sign. The $500 is for the board (actual sign). Granite blocks for the base would be donated.
9. **Portable Sign** – Tracy Wright suggested $80 be budgeted for a plastic sandwich board sign. The Board concurred.

10. **Benches, Playgrounds** – Wright suggested money be included for park benches and playground equipment. The Board thought developing a 5-year plan should be the first step.

11. **Additional Electrical Outlets** – Wright mentioned more outlets for events would be helpful. The area is near the softball field. Members offered possible solutions to adding outlets.

12. **Little League Field** – Shaun Corbett said he thought re-developing the little league field was needed. He mentioned tree removal, fence replacement, drainage, and dugouts as improvements. The Board seemed to agree improvements to the field are needed. A cost estimate was not mentioned.

13. **Miscellaneous** – The Board expressed interest in a port-a-let at the East Barre Park (May – October). Security cameras at more recreation sites, especially where there is vandalism, would be good. Rogers asked if the Board wanted the late afternoon laborer (caretaker) in the budget. The Board said yes, and they think money for the absorbent pads should be re-budgeted.

14. **Staff’s List** – Rogers said Dwight Coffrin and he walked the main park and visited the South Barre bike path and several playgrounds (not the newer ones) to make a budget list. Items included:
   - 400 sq. ft. of sod for soccer field
   - set of field hockey goal nets
   - fence repairs (every year item)
   - small amount of lumber for horseshoe pits
   - $2,000 to trim cedars around tennis courts
   - 2 basketball hoops (main park)
   - overhead door to Edo’s Shack needs replacing
   - line-item for wood chips needs to be increased
   - 5 belt swing belts
   - fence guard at 22 Wilson Street
   - removing several dead or nearly dead trees at Lower Granetville Picnic area - $1,500
   - repair soccer field watering system

Meeting adjourned about 8:30 p.m..

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**Recreation Board Members**

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