The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Terry Smith, Dave Rouleau, Mike Gilbar, and Craig Locarno. Also present were Mike Parker, Linda Mercy, Steve Maas, Dwight Coffrin and Carl Rogers.

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

Mike Gilbar made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Dave Rouleau seconded the motion. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Gilbar moved and Rouleau seconded that the May 1, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as presented. All members voted in favor of the motion.

There were no guests for an item not on the agenda.

**Skatepark** — Linda Mercy and Mike Parker were present for this agenda item. Rouleau summarized discussions to date and concluded by stating construction of the improvement (new feature/s) is possible this fall. Parker talked about costs and stated the Town could reduce the cost by getting donation of materials, namely rebar (110 pieces 20' long), concrete (20 cubic yards). The cost of all three features would be $29,000. Rouleau recapped the funding available: $18,000 +/- in donations, another $4,000 to be donated from the 2017 event, and $3,000 in the Town budget. Mercy asked that $1,000 be left in the donation kitty so she has money for the annual Learn to Skateboard event.

Rouleau made a motion that the Board plan and try to build all three features for $26,000. Terry Smith seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously.

Mercy said the Learn to Skateboard event is set for June 23 in the afternoon. Last year 14 kids attended the event.

Parker was asked to provide a new, final proposal for the three features.

**Field and Facility Use**

**CVMC Susan G. Komen 5K** — Smith moved and Gilbar seconded a motion to approve the Central Vermont Medical Center’s use of the picnic shelter, track and bike path for a 5K on Saturday, September 16 from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. The Board approved the motion without dissent.

**MTA Corridor Management Agreement** — Rogers explained the draft was prepared by the assistant town manager who wasn’t at work last week or today, therefore he doesn’t know the reason for every proposed change. The Board could review the suggested changes with Steve Maas. Discussion about the proposed changes ensued. The Board agreed to consider the CMA renewal at is next meeting.

**MTA’s New Trail** - Maas and Rogers stated where the new trail would be made and that MTA has a small grant to help with expenses. A contractor is penciled in for July. Rogers distributed a letter from the Vermont Land Trust. The VLT approved the new trail construction. Smith moved and Craig Locarno seconded a motion to approve MTA constructing a new trail roughly on the course of the winter-time Serenity trail. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the motion.
Dog Park Experiment – Rouleau said he contacted one of the dog park enthusiast but did not hear back from her. He reviewed the discussion on this topic so far. He said the Board hoped the dog park club would pay for improvements to the little league field gates, if needed. Locarno said he doesn’t support the dog park experiment on the little league field. He said the field is used for practices and is not in terrible shape. No action was taken on continuing the experiment.

Rouleau asked about what’s next for the next meeting. It was agreed information would be gathered for the East Barre (next to the basketball court) and the recreation area locations. For East Barre the perimeter would be measured and a water connection and water service cost estimate would be obtained. At the recreation area location the perimeter would be measured and drainage work scoped out.

Maintenance Supervisor’s Report – Coffrin handed out a brief report and reviewed it. He said the purchase order for basketball court sealing was sent out.

Summer Festival – Smith reported 196 people attended the festival. The Board was helped by 16 volunteers plus some people from a BTMES group. Gilbar said he was positioned to hear comments as people left. He said he heard no negative feedback. There were 2 suggestions: 1) on the B Recs Challenge flyer list where each event is held; and 2) try to concentrate events in the softball field, tennis court, basketball court areas. It was reported the Boy Scouts were very happy with their concession stand sales. Some information tables had very little interest. Smith suggested in the future information tables must have an activity. The bouncy house and face-painting were very popular. The board members said they’d do it (hold the festival) again. The Board asked for thank you notes that they will address and mail out.

Ice Cream Socials – Rouleau gave a report on supplies. He said he plans to be at all socials. Farnham said he, too, plans to help on all nights. The new banner was acknowledged. Smith agreed to hang it at Trow Hill on July 5.

Photo Contest – After a short discussion the consensus of the board was to drop the photo contest as an activity.

Fall Festival – The Board selected September 23 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to hold the festival, which would be focused on the picnic shelter area. The maze was very popular. The Board would like to make it larger and the maze walls higher. More planning is needed.

July Meeting – On a motion by Smith, seconded by Gilbar, the Board Voted without dissent to move the July meeting date from the 3rd to the 10th.

Other Business – There was no Other Business.

Round the Table – Locarno said he received two calls about keeping the baseball field as a baseball field. He said the callers oppose the idea of skinning the infield to make it a multi-use field. He said he’d like to see the East Barre Bike Path finished to the Barre Town School.

Gilbar mentioned several maintenance items at four playgrounds. He asked if instead of each member visiting every playground if each member could take one playground.

Smith pointed out the school (BTMES) shop made the festival medals. She asked if the maintenance crew could take down the festival signs at the playgrounds and maybe one at the Middle Road/Graniteville Road traffic island.
Rouleau said GMDGC had 90 players for the tournament in the town forest. He said he was in East Burke (home of Kingdom Trails) and everywhere there were signs for people trying to serve (sell to) the mountain bikers.

Farnham asked about the meeting with Mark Mast (Bond Field). Rogers said he hasn’t set it up yet.

At 8:30, on a motion by Smith, seconded by Gilbar, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

[Signatures]