

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2018**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Adi Dobrilovic, and Rolland Tessier. Also present were Stacey Lynds and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

To the agenda, Rouleau requested to add another facility use request as 5d. Gilbar made a motion to approve the agenda with this change. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Dobrilovic was not present for the vote.

Gilbar noted a typo in the minutes, and motioned to approve the minutes with that corrected. Tessier seconded and the board approved 6-0.

There were no guests for a matter not on the agenda.

5. Field Requests –

- a. Babe Ruth Baseball, July 7th 12 and 3pm – Rouleau made a motion to retroactively approve the use. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- b. Boy Scouts Softball Tournament Sep 22-23 – Rouleau made a motion to approve the use and to waive the fee (as they requested), contingent upon receipt of their certificate of insurance. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- c. BYSA soccer on softball field and East Barre Rec field Sep 5-Oct 18 – Rouleau made a motion to approve the use and to waive the fee. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- d. Special Olympics – Rouleau gave an update on this request which the Board had considered a few months ago. They would like soccer training space early to mid August through October. He then noted no times had been provided yet and so no action was taken.

6. Supervisor's Report – The Board reviewed the written report the Supervisor's absence, and items for playground maintenance.

At this point Lower Graniteville resident Stacey Lynds arrived so the Board addressed the playground retrofit agenda item out of order.

8. Lower Graniteville Playground retrofit – Wang reviewed that equipment and install quotes for the structures desired by the Board and the community via survey would come to a total project cost of about \$45,000. Since \$15,000 has historically been annually budgeted for playground retrofits, the project will take 3 years to complete, or 2 years if a Recreational Facilities grant is awarded; that grant program requires a 1:1 cash match.

The Board considered whether to purchase some basic equipment out of the current fiscal year budget of \$15,000 to address some of the town insurer's playground audit findings. Smith made a motion to purchase the equipment and installation of 1 swing set with 3 belt seats, 2 bucket seats, and 1 adaptive seat, and 2 spring riders. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lynds and Wang reviewed efforts to demonstrate community support of the project which would help the grant application, including letters from community members and a signature drive. Smith made a motion to sign a letter of support from the Recreation Board. Tessier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board also directed staff to write the grant application to assume a community build for installation, and provided a budget range on two climbing structures, one for 2-5 year olds and the other for 5-12.

7. Rec Area Rules – The board discussed their interest in developing a policy for recreation programs, and ordinance changes to reduce liability from drinking and use of marijuana in the rec area, which is now town property. They directed staff to prepare some drafts to review in a future meeting.

9. Spring into Summer Fest and Caws for Paws review – Smith shared her thoughts about the Fest. She praised the National Honor Society from Spaulding High School for the great job they did organizing and implementing their activities. Most members who attended the event agreed that parking was a challenge. Smith’s opinion was that the events should be held separately in the future.

Rouleau reviewed Caws 4 Paws finances. As an individual (not representing the town), he paid the upfront costs of the event. He estimated after the remaining sponsorships come in that he will be short \$450. He indicated he was planning to hold another fundraiser and use the first \$450 to defray the costs of Caws 4 Paws. Smith said that it was a great event for the community, that Rouleau should be reimbursed by the town, and made a motion to reimburse him \$450. Gilbar seconded and the Board voted 5-0 in favor, with Rouleau recusing himself from the vote.

Rouleau said that the Dog Park received \$345 in donations through their own donation jar and the photographer that set up next to their table.

10. Ice Cream Socials – The board finalized plans for the first ice cream social of the year at Trow Hill Playground. They also considered purchase of a ‘height’ banner for use at recreation events for \$112. Gilbar made the motion to approve and Tessier seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

11. Round the Table – Tessier said he would miss Trow Hill but make the rest of the ice cream socials.

Smith asked for the Board to approve a \$100 donation to the Boy Scout Troop, which sold food at Spring into Summer Fest. The understanding going into the event was that the vendors would sell different foods, and that the Boy Scouts would get to sell the hot dogs. This did not end up being the case and they ended up with a lot of leftover food. This would be on top of the amount the town needed to reimburse them for providing food for festival volunteers (fall and spring in this payment). Dobrilovic made the motion to donate \$100 to the Boy Scouts and Gilbar seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Rouleau asked about plans for the Travis Mercy Skatepark Grand Opening on August 5. No one present had heard anything. Wang said she would check in with the organizer.

Farnham noted that the tennis court needed patching from the pickleball net straps.

At 8:47pm on a motion by Gilbar, seconded by Dobrilovic, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members
Daphne Farnham
Daphne Wang
Tessier
Smith
Rouleau
Dobrilovic