

**Recreation Board Meeting of Wednesday
May 13, 2009
Barre Town Municipal Office, Websterville, Vt**

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Board Members Present at the Meeting:

Phil Acebo
Linda Mercy
Melissa Anderson
Bob Comolli

Guests: Carl Rogers, Kelly Houston and Don Gainey, Chelsea Munson, Carol Jewett and Cindy Barney

1. Meeting called to order 6:35 pm...
2. Unable to approve minutes of the 4/1/09 meeting due to lack of number of board members for a quorum.
3. **Guests :**
 - 1st guest was Chelsea Munson. Wishes to host the 3rd annual Women's Field Hockey Clinic. July 20-24, 2009 from 9am-11:30am. Board noted there is a conflict with use of the field as the Legion Tournament the same time. Chelsea offered the soccer field with the use of nets. Decided to

play by ear depending on the weather and condition of the baseball field as due not want overuse of the field for the Legion Tournament. In the event of rain, Chelsea to contact Barre Town School for use of the gym.

- 2nd and 3rd Guests came together to discuss the tentative playground on Ledge Drive. Carol advises she has lived there @ 20 years and is concerned about the traffic and usage of the playground by her home. She asked if there were other avenues of entering the playground away from her home as her household and that of Cindy share the expenses of a 50' right of way and just put money into the maintenance of it and feels it will be now used by many. They asked if the board considered @ 25% return of the surveys a good return and Kelli spoke on behalf of the board advising yes and the majority was for the playground and we have actually had phone calls of area residents volunteering their help. She advised that the homes that are selling is not being bought by the younger families with children and feels the money would be better spent elsewhere. Kelli advised that it is grant money that is being used to develop the playground. Cindy spoke that she is not against the playground but is concerned about the use of the Right of Way. They asked that we as the town notify them if this should go any further and Kelly and Carl advised the next move would be to have the land surveyed but then they too at that time would be notified.

- 4. **Review Budget Report.** Carl Rogers gave the report. Board is on target as at the end of April. @ 29% of the budget remains as of the end of April.
- 5. **Approve use of the Facilities:** The discussion with Chelsea Munson was discussed earlier under Guest. Then board discussed the Basketball camp to be held at Barre Town School and they have asked for the use of the outdoor Basketball Court. Day Camp only to be held July 20-24, 2009. Then discussed the Spaulding Baseball and Softball game to be held 5/28/09 under the lights. They play against St Albans. This is a regular season game to be held at 6:30pm.
- 6. **Old Business:** Discussed & Reviewed the Track Program to be held at Hersey Field starting June 9 ending July 25 at St Johnsbury. The Program is still looking for a Track Coach for a small stipend. The program has the volunteers to help. Bob Comolli, Don Gainey and Melissa Anderson to make a few phone calls to see if a coach can be found.
- Field Schedule Follow up: Nothing new to report. BYSA does store the small soccer nets at the Rec field and need to be replaced.

7. **New Business:**

a. **Playground Equipment Inspections:**

- Graniteville Gazebo in the need of paint & graffiti defacement defacement. Needs paint and the wood shingles are deteriorating rapidly. New baby swings put up in the past week and needs new monkey bars.
- **Trow Hill** – Picnic Shelter roof needs to be replaced
- **East Barre** – need for an additional picnic table and all tables need to be painted

- **Skatepark** – wooden ramps need to be preserved. Linda Mercy to contact the builder of the park Dave Wood for the name of the protectant to put on the wood.
- b. **Playground Equipment** –
 - Swing Set in Budget for Wilson Playground
 - Bond Family Offer- the Bond Family has come forward to make a to the Wilson Park. Bob Comolli to contact the family for more detail.
- c. **Board Appointments** – we have 4 openings on the Board, need a total of 8 board members. In June board will need to re-elect positions of President, VP, Sec & Treasurer plus need to fill the 4 positions. To contact Barre Town Municipal office for details.
- d. **Progress on Community Playground Developments**(Wilson Street and Ledge Street). Kelli advised that the Town of Barre came in 1st place in the Dubois & King Grant. This is a \$10,000 grant that can be used for the development of Playgrounds for all uses other than Surveying. Board gave the go ahead to Carl Rogers to move forward with the acceptance of this Grant. To contact Gary Klinefelter from Vermont Survey Consultants to see if interest in the surveying of the Ledge Street development.
- e. **Barre Heritage/Homecoming Updates.** The Town is moving along with the preparation of the Heritage/Homecoming weekend. Many events planned. (2) events planned other than the July weekend for the festival. 1-June 12, 2009 Dinner and Comedy show to be held at the Canadian Club Barre. Featuring dinner, comedy, silent auction. 2-July 9 + 10, 2009 Huge Lawn Sale being planned. Contact Heidi or Kathy at the Barre Town office for more info. 229-9331.

8. Round Table.

-Krista and Mykayla Playground – Bricks. Checking with the retailer for status of completion of the bricks. Linda Mercy to contact Kathy Pelletier for a complete listing of the bricks she has versus the town to be sure is accurate. Kathy has contacted a mason who will assist in laying of the bricks at the playground. The mason has requested assistance from the Town for the digging of the location of the bricks, the stone for drainage, fabric then sand along with a tamper. Once bricks are complete and delivered to contact Kathy for a date to assist in the laying of the bricks.

-Day Care at the Wilson Park has closed and Town is currently looking for a new tenant. Please contact Town Manager at 479-9331 if interested.

Next Meeting planned for June 3, 2009 at the Municipal Building.

Minutes taken and reported generated by:

Linda K. Mercy
Recreation Board Secretary
May 20, 2009