

**BARRE TOWN BOARD OF RECREATION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WESTERVILLE VT
MEETING MINUTES
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Present: Linda Mercy, Lionel Cyr, Yvonne Trepanier, Melissa Anderson, JP Isabelle, Marion Fish

Absent: Lisa Pariseau, Linda Rogers

Guests: Kelly Murphy, Don Gainey

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Review of Budget Report: Kelly went over the budget. Based on current projections the budget looks to be on target. She noted that there were added expenses to fix the lawn mower, score board, and for the purchase of doggie bags for the bike path. The “miscellaneous line” item is over budget, there is an expense labeled “directional signs.” Kelly will look into this for the next meeting. With one month left to go in the fiscal year there is 17% of the budget left.

There is an increase in revenues for rec. programs. Field lighting seems to be coming in under projections.

Marion urged that the budgeted money be expended by the end of the month, Lionel agreed. Kelly will look into exactly what’s left, there are still some outstanding purchases for FY2010. She assured the Board that left over funds would be used for recreation purposes.

Motion made by Marion to accept the budget report, seconded by Lionel.

Approve Use of Facilities:

We have had field requests from Spaulding High School and Leslie Hammond for Women's Softball. Both requests fall within open time slots in the schedule.

Scoreboard Update:

There is about 1,400.00 from the Ado Perantoni fund and 3,700 budgeted for the scoreboard. There is potential with this money to purchase both boards. Maybe the company we purchase from will barter with us for purchasing both or give us an "end of season" deal.

Fields Use Policy:

At the spring scheduling meeting, the teams were notified that we are investigating the possibility of charging a fee for field use. The board decided that we should not charge teams this year, as we are already underway. However, we should work on creating a field use policy to be in place for next year. We may want to charge a minimal fee for field maintenance and upkeep.

Linda spoke to Montpelier Recreation and they do not charge teams for use of facilities. Marion believes that the town of Bristol used to charge. It is something we should look into. JP suggested we may be able to ask the VT League of Cities and Towns about what kinds of policies are in place. Marion will check with Bristol. It will be important to make this policy clear to teams.

Wilson Street Playground

Equipment Selection: Melissa reviewed the plans created by Bob from Miracle Equipment. The Board discussed the plan and decided that it will need some tweaking (ie. placement of equipment). However, we now have a more clear plan as to a goal. Writing grants and fundraising can get underway.

Business Letter: The business letter looks good. Linda and Melissa will visit local businesses before the next meeting. Marion suggested we may also want to look into estate donations or donations from wealthier families who are invested in the community and who would be willing to help us out with this project.

Recreation Opportunities:

Yvonne researched opportunities for sports in the area. The list is just in the early stages and can be added to. We could add the list to our website for the community to reference.

Marion suggested we consider budgeting money to explore recreation opportunities and possibly create programs for our town.

Because we are a volunteer board, we do not want to get into too much of the administrative aspect. We would like to be a link between the programs and the community.

We will continue to compile the list and see about getting it on the website.

Round The Table:

JP on the Homecoming Committee: Skate competition will take place on Sunday the 25th. Topper has been taking charge of this committee for now. He is planning some family-oriented activities for Sunday at Barre Town Recreation fields.

Lionel: Green Mt. Little League will be leaving Spaulding and moving to the 2 Bond fields. He can get a set of plans for our records. Jeff Tucker will donate his time to help develop the fields on Wilson Street. Barre Community Baseball should be consulted to discuss development of the field. They maintain the field and use it. The Board discussed that there should be some communication between them and the town.

Lionel on the Bike Path Committee: Lionel went over the proposed routes for the bike path. He shared that the committee has applied for an RFP grant for contractors to help decide on the best path.

Don: Knows a person who would like to donate a granite bench on the existing bike path. The Board loves the idea.

Marian: Pierre Couture had mentioned wanting to donate some land to fields. We should look into this. We will invite him to a meeting to discuss the possibility for development.

Next Meeting: We need to dedicate a good amount of time to making decisions about the scoreboard and Wilson Street development. The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Offices on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm