

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
November 2, 2023
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2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held November 2 at the Stowe Community Room starting at 5:00 P.M.

3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna , Brett Loomis, Jared Annelo, Forrest Shinnors, Lyn Goldsmith, Julian Roscioli-Barren, Dave Rogers, Matt Frazee. Absent: Ryan Thibault, Audience: Harry Sheppard, Scott Harvey

4 **5:00pm called to order. Agenda Approved**

5 **DR motioned to approve the minutes BL second**

6 **Memorial Park Study Update**

7 Harry Sheppard presented updated layout and building designs and the materials to be presented to the Selectboard were reviewed. If plans are approved the next phase would be for preliminary design and permitting. Lynn asked what permits, Harry said permits would include Act 250, wetlands DEC and Army of Engineers, DRB, and other zoning/lighting permits. Reviewed the history of the site. Forrest asked about the boardwalk concept across the marsh, Harry said it could be something to be considered at a later time but that it would add both cost and additional permitting to existing project. Brett noted that the tennis court is should show 4 pickleball court on top. Matt said there are supposed to be the 4 overlays on the plan. Forrest asked about the path along the brook and why that was removed, Harry explained that it was removed to allow for the riparian buffer. Brett asked if the proposed layout would allow for a larger field space which could potentially accommodate a full size soccer field. Matt said it would create a larger field space than what is currently available because it would all be at the same level. Brett asked Harry how other town projects could effect the priority of this project. Harry said the school project is likely to be the largest consideration for voters due to cost. Harry reviewed the building layout which accomplishes the program within a 5000 sq ft layout. Forrest asked about public access to bathrooms. Matt said the intent if for bathrooms to be open to the public during hours of operation but there are security/safety concerns about keeping them open during off hours and we would likely still have a need for portalets. The Selectboard meeting presentation is Nov 8th at 530pm.

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9 **Summer Camp fees**

10 Matt reviewed summer camp fees and expenses. Explained that costs have increased and proposed fee increases to net out the program. The proposed 2 rates would increase revenues by approx. \$22k if registration numbers remained the same and would cover increased expenses by \$11k which provides some room for staff increases. Matt is researching other camp programs to compare staff rates. Brett motioned to recommend increasing fees to proposed 2 rates. Forrest second, all in favor.

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12 **Town Plan**

13 Discussion tabled to future meeting.

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15 **Other business**

7:11p Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Matt Frazee