

Northfield Recreation minutes
August 11, 2014

Attendees: Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua, Ken Goslant, Scott Amell, Sally Davidson, Bob Illingworth. Absent: Jason Miles/Dynamos representative, Bruce Wright

Call to order: 605

- I. Old business. Group approved the minutes of last meeting with changes adding the horseshoe pits would go to both Memorial Park and The falls.
The group met and had site visit (Michele, Ken, Scott, Bob, Heidi) to Memorial Park. Third base dugout has power source and could be a viable option for a concession stand. We felt that we could also build off the back of it facing out towards existing parking with pouring of concrete and do along with existing water/sewer project the building of a restroom that would be handicap accessible. Along with this would be two possible areas for Ethan Hatch's pavilion areas. Right where existing basketball court is we would revitalize that. Just to the east of that headed toward the pool on existing pavement we felt we would put a one court tennis court. We would re-use the backstop and fencing from existing little league field in existence on field two of Park. There would need to be some thought to purchase of net, and other fencing(see below new business). Discussion of Professor Sevi's seniors project thought of building "up" a soccer field, and our thought process of actually removing the existing playground structure and placing it in one of two places; either closer to the pool (outside it) or down near the parking area close to where the pavilion would be. Then we would dig/relocate dirt widening the current field space creating a soccer field. By doing that and relocating the dirt-and some of this would be done while the water and sewer would be done d/t need to enhance the parking, the leveling and slope of the current parking can be looked at. Discussed widening handicapped parking up by the pool as well
Bob went onto Front Porch forum looking for feedback. He got several responses looking for enhancement of the playground, basketball court, a couple on tennis courts and got several in regards to the connection of trail systems. A suggestion was made to invite to one of our next meetings in the future and get the conversation rolling while we are trying to work on the Park. Sally will contact someone with the conservation committee to collaborate on this process.
Michele brought business statement from Laurie to go over. We have several different accounts. Discussed among group that each account is difficult to read. A question was raised whether we lost any of our budgets beginning each fiscal year. Michele will find out by next meeting.
Scott has not followed up with the baseball teams regarding the back stop as it is being utilized all the way up until the end of August. He would like to complete by September.
Bob reported on National night out. Even though it is considered National, it was our first one. It was mostly positive. Bob indicated the picture went well and there were balloons, soda, hot dogs and ice cream. The helicopter which originally would have brought attention to the downtown that was supposed to land did not due to the weather. Michele commented that there was not much to do past the 7pm range so for next time maybe more organized for next year.
Scott spoke with Andy and Kevin Pecor and they are a "yes" for picnic tables and Scott indicated that he found out pricing on 6 8ft tables cost less than 150.\$ per. Discussion among group that we thought we were doing 6 foot tables so Scott felt going to the other restaurants would be much easier now with that dollar amount and by next meeting we could have them even ordered.
- II. New business: Scott proposed that he has come across tennis nets and fencing that Vermont College is disposing/selling for \$250 wondered if Recreation Committee would be interested. Motion made, seconded and voted on purchase for the spot at Memorial park. Scott needs to get an invoice to Laurie for payment.
Discussed Labor Day fundraising since high school isn't using hotdog cart. Determined at this time that group could not support hot dog cart with labor and in the end it does not raise the amount of \$ it once did. We did feel that we would do a "fun" zone for kids next year, but would seek out help.
- III. Misc. public participation: none
- IV. Next meeting sept 8, 2014