

Recreation Committee Minutes 6/8/20

In attendance: Trish Nash, Michael Luzader, Dianne Baker, Tabitha Davis
Others present: Sandi Switzer, Shannon Pytlik, Kim Phillips, and Tom Phillips

Meeting called to order 6:36 via Zoom

Meetings from 5/18/20 approved

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer explained to Recreation Committee members she had learned the Town of Proctor was engaged in a community Art project utilizing pallets. She said she shared the idea with Maria French as a possible project for Wallingford Day:

- The town administrator offered to seek pallet donations that would be given to families and community members to decorate and put on display at house/business fronts. A map will then be created and shared so that folks can experience Wallingford spirit.

Basketball Court

- After discussion about traditional asphalt and Versacourt the committee voted for an asphalt court. Vote: For - 4, Against - 0. The committee will ask Sandi to put this out to bid.

Tree Buffer

- Discussion about planting trees to prevent erosion on the south side of the field.
- Trees for Streams will pay for trees if we are willing to plant 35 feet north of the erosion line.
- We will stake out 35 feet and contact the football folks to see if this would impact football too much.

Stone Meadow Bike Trails

- The Stone Meadow was donated to the town for a recreation area not a conservation area, per public comments.
- The section where the trees were cut has concrete blocks with rebar sticking out, per public comments.
- There was public agreement that that section of Stone Meadow should be cleaned up, it is the last section that needs work.
- Tom and Kim Phillips will map out a potential bicycle track in place of the "mess" where the trees were cut and present it at the next meeting.

Elfin Lake

- Should we hire a part-timer to attend to the lake area?

- We need to be sure that the lake area doesn't "look" abandoned.
 - The State will be open for business in a couple of weeks, the public wants to know what the town will do to follow suit.
 - Discussion about one or two attendants at the lake for safety.
 - We need to train whoever is "on duty" to clean bathrooms and how to deal with unruly people.
 - Perhaps it is reasonable to follow what the State has pushed out for guidelines.
 - The Committee wants to have two attendants at the beach from 1PM to 6PM for Wallingford residents only. The role of the attendants will be to monitor behavior and ask folks not to smoke, drink, be unsafe... as well as clean the restrooms and beach areas.
- Vote For - 3, Against - 1

Adjourn: 7:53

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