Wallingford Recreation Committee
11/12/26

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Meeting called to order at 6:08

Meeting Place: Town Clerk's Office

Present: David Cornwell, Heather Phillips (Johnson), Mike Sanderson

Approved agenda (consensus)

Tabled approving June and August Meetings (copies unavailable due to Outlook outage)

No public in attendance (no public comment).

Reviewed that we were unable to hold a September (Special, at the Lake).

David and Heather walked the lake individually and brought them to this meeting with thoughts for the Rec Committee to discuss:

1) New Signage needed around lake expectations and lifeguard status
2) Southfacing window in the building: can it be opened to allow staff a better view of the beach/lawn?
3) Sun shade needed to allow staff to view beach without looking directly into afternoon sun
4) There is a lot of wood stored in the building on the east side.

-What is this wood for? Can it be removed – will explore in spring

5) Basketball court at the lake

-Possible concrete pad? Discussion – concluded that at the lake a grass court makes sense and is used by barefoot kids.
-Needs new backboard. David will explore costs

6) Sand at the beach: a load is needed. Will also help delineate what is "beach" vs. lawn. David will explore costs of a load of sand

-Could town crew pick up this load? -David will inquire.

7) Need for a spring "Work Day" at the park. Spring Date TBD in Winter '27

Overall discussion of major projects at Elfin Lake and the Building:

1) Need for male changing area and better toilet facilities.
    1. Would not need to pay for porta-potty if we had working facilities
2) Currently hot water doesn't work in the girl's bathroom
3) Better boat storage

Agreed these are "Capital Projects" that we would need the Selectboard's permission to explore addressing. Outside of our current Rec Budget.

While discussing Elfin Lake needs, we began to compile budget for FY '27.
Costs:

1) New signage $300
2) Sunshade $300
3) Sand? TBD (David)

4) Backboard TBD
5) New chains/fittings for swings $400

Discussed Town Park

1) Concerns around safety raised by a community member around a number of concerns.

-Glenn Mayer met with an safety inspector and found that the park was in generally good condition with two suggestions:

a. Move the picnic table away from the skateboard ramp

b. Replace some holds on the climbing wall

2) Discussed needed items including new chain climbing section (removed in Summer '26)
3) New slide as existing slide has some cracks
4) Explored costs of holds

David will reach out to Sandi and see if we can find out the company who made the playground to look into a new slide.

Holds don't appear too expensive.

Budget:
Slide: TBD (David)
Climbing Chains: TBD (David)
Holds: $100
Paint (for shed/dugouts): $100

Agreed to discuss why our tentative FY'27 budget is higher than FY'26. Will have budget numbers to Sandi for Selectboard meeting and budget planning.

New Camera is at the Town Hall and is ready to install.

Water at the park? Worked for Wallingford Day, but was damaged. Has been repaired. Will explore options in the spring. Mike knows a plumber who would likely volunteer work. Heather will check with Wallingford Day subcommittee member around water use/access.

Other park needs:
3x loads of clay for south field and (mostly) for Softball field.
Costs: David - Sandi
Replace damaged soccer goal: $1200

MRU 5-6 Girls Soccer used the field to practice on this fall. Needs to be mowed more often as the grass is too high to use it well.

Can we get a full sized (or MS sized) field set up at south field or anywhere on the park grounds? Need to make this permanent. David will reach out to Shannon Pytlik who, David believes, had mocked up possible fields on the park grounds in '24.

Agreed that those groups who use the field need to supply needs like chalk for marking. Omya did donate some this spring/summer.

Discussed who will attend Selectboard meeting on 12/7. David and Heather will be there (at least)

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Set next meeting for 12/10 at 6:00 and will try to have every second Thursday as regular meeting date with third Thursday as backup.

Heather kept a separate document with budget items.

Agenda Building:
-Selection of Committee Officers (for FY '27)
-Review Norms
-Review approved budget
-Other Business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26

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