

Belgrade Board of Parks and Recreation

April 26, 2023

Minutes

Present: Dan MacGlashing, Linda Bacon, Jamie Dionne, Jessica White, Susan Bolduc

Absent: Aaron Palleschi, Jason Lindsay

Public: Lisa Wells, wanted to join the board but is from Rome, but will attend meetings for a while

Minutes: No quorum so approval of the February & March minutes was tabled.

Director Updates:

Fun Night. June 9th at the KWYSP fields, or at the CFAS. There is electricity and the snack shack at the fields. Jamie will have a movie projected on a screen. Lisa suggested an ice-cream truck. Maybe the Rolling Fatty's burrito truck. Hours would be 6-10ish (so that it is dark enough for the movie). Corn hole can happen. Potato sack races, egg/spoon races are a possibility. Batting cage could be readied for the event. Could do pickle-ball in the tennis court; there is a new net. Kickball – parents against kids. Disc Golf. Dan needs to advertise, get volunteers, and work out logistics.

Senior Trips. Dan is working on two trips with the Senior Resource Committee. One is a Tuesday trip in early June to the Botanical Gardens. He is working out details including price for trip. Jamie suggested a leaf-peeping trip. There will likely be another Fryberg Fair trip this year. He is also thinking about another SeaDogs trip but for families, if there is transportation money left over.

SeaDogs Game Recap. During April vacation, Dan took 16 camp kids. It was awesome. 5 staff members were there. They won the game. The other team's pitcher spiked a ball and got kicked out. The tickets and lunch were separate fees, so it cost a little more. The kids showed up on TV news. \$32.50 buffet, Coca-Cola area.

CPO Update. Dan thinks he passed. He doesn't understand how we haven't gotten a violation. It is supposed to be tested 3x/day when in use. There is supposed to be a chemical addition schedule that is followed. If the lifeguard situation allows, there will be hours for the public. Water Aerobics may be offered. The auto latching mechanism needs repair; the pool maintenance business will fix it as well as a few other items.

Outdoors. Some fill is being put to

Pickleball Project/Fundraising event. Dee Cook wants there to be a screening of a movie as a fundraiser for a Pickleball court. This will come up at the Selectboard meeting next week. 20-30 players show up! We need to accommodate physical activity for adults! The side by the road would need a 'tennis' fence, the downhill side could lower. So, there would be three pickleball courts and one basketball court. There could be pickle contests (making, eating, growing). It will be around \$135,000 to construct this. It could be an ice rink in the winter...if it is level. It will be a multi-use addition. Dan will be away, so BPR members could go and support. It would be used during summer camp (dodge ball, etc.). Bathrooms are very close and open from May – October. It will increase visibility as well.

Misc.

Jamie: We should start discussing stuff now, for the next budget year. The RO system in the kitchen has been removed. In the meantime, there is bottled water. We need to take this to the Selectboard. Dan wants to speak with Lorna and Corey. Mary told Jamie that only the Chair is supposed to speak with the town manager. Having a digital sign at the CFAS would be great. How do we get one. BCS is getting one. They are getting a musical playground too (Principal Gwen Bacon is getting both before she retires.) We can get a flashing sign on Rt 27 that turns on when speeding and will log speeders. When the building is repaired, we hope to get the gym floor resurfaced (grind down high spots, pour an epoxy leveler, then re-line it; the sheetrock behind the wood needs to be dealt with because the gypsum keeps falling out onto the floor.

KWYSP is falling apart. Some members would like to bring it into Belgrade Parks & Rec. There is some money that would come with it. Their board is dwindling; our board is dwindling. Fees will cover a part-time position. There is still a lot of confusion as to who is supposed to be mowing. At one time, KWYSP got money from the town to deal with the fields so they would hire someone to mow. The town decided this was ridiculous and took over mowing but then did a poor job (under Chris). The previous town manager tried to fix this, but then left. There is uncertainty as to what the current town manager thinks. The fields are going to rot, benches are falling apart. If KWYSP dissolved and the BPR took over managing youth sports, there would be continuity. Change name to Belgrade Youth Sports. KWYSP is no longer a recognizable acronym. Keep his name on the field.

There is water to the score board. The snack shack was supposed to go there. It would be a great place for an ice rink with the lights and water.

Comprehensive Planning: Nothing new to report.

Document Revisions: Linda and Dan haven't had a chance to go over the handbook.

Vacation. Dan will be gone to Costa Rica next week.

Student Volunteers: Once the snow is gone, Dan will come up with a list to present to MHS, to the guidance counselor, Kathy Pettingill (registrar at guidance office, kpettingill@rsu18.org). Jamie will help compile a list to share.

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There were no items on which to vote.

Next Meeting: May 31 , 2023

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM