

Bridgewater Recreation Commission
Thursday, May 27, 2010
7pm- Town Hall

Attending: Catherine Vikstrom, Heidi Verdi, Dawn McNutt, Justin Planz, Bill Stuart
Absent: Jo Buchholz, John Flaxman, Jim Moker, Ann Virbickas

Because a quorum was not present, no motions were made.

The Coordinator's Report by Ann Virbickas was reviewed by Catherine Vikstrom. The pavilion is booked through the summer. The kitchen door at the pavilion was found broken by Catherine Vikstrom. The Selectman and town crew were notified.

The pavilion bathroom door locks were discussed to determine if programmable locks are appropriate for the town. These locks are available for purchase at Home Depot and are currently being used by the State Police with positive results.

Minutes from Thursday April 24th were reviewed and deferred to the next meeting.

Pavilion Path Drainage: The path drainage was discussed without John Flaxman's presence. Catherine reviewed John's concerns of icy paths in inclement weather to Bill Stuart. Mr. Stuart remarked the upkeep of the walking path in bad weather conditions is not in the town's budget at this time because of the economic times. He further stated the paths were not meant to be walked on during bad weather conditions.

Pavilion Bathrooms issue was discussed. The use of the red shed has been problematic because of a lack of cleaning service available on a regular basis and the coach's inability to watch children when they leave to use restrooms. The use of security locks were also discussed. The clearing of wetlands as an option to resolve visibility of the shed was also reviewed.

Cleaning Service: The town may need to find a new cleaning service as the woman currently providing the service has not filed the appropriate documents for tax purposes in the town. The town Treasurer is aware of the discrepancy.

Tennis Courts: John asked that the discussion be deferred until the next meeting. Newtown and New Milford are currently installing products that Bridgewater may consider.

Summer Camp: Catherine informed the Commission and Selectman that the newly hired Camp Director, Jean Pedane, has resigned. Catherine was able to get suitable applicants from the Pratt Center. Catherine and Heidi will meet sometime next week with candidates for interviews. The counselor staff from last summer will be returning.

Bill Stuart presented the new dog walk area and volleyball site to be installed by the town. Catherine ordered 3 dispensers with signage for the park.

A horse shoe pit site was also discussed.

Catherine presented ideas to reduce algae growth in the pond.

The Commission officially said goodbye to Dawn McNutt for her years of service to the town. Dawn will be missed. Justin Planz will be sworn in effective June 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Verdi