

## REC COMMITTEE 6/5/2024 - DRAFT

The Stowe Parks and Recreation Committee Board met Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the Stowe Arena starting at 5:00pm

**Members present: Ryan Thibeault, Julian Roscioli-Barren, Lyn Goldsmith, Bill Scudder, Matt Frazee, Brett Loomis, Deb Drinkwater Audience: Bob Davison, Michael Diender, Patti Cignoli, Ty Johnson**

**5:00pm called to order. Agenda Approved. April Meeting Minutes Approved. May Meeting Minutes Approved as Amended**

### SKATE CAMPS

Ty Johnson of Neon Wave on Mountain Road presented a proposal to incorporate Kids' Skate Camps to the Recreation Department youth program curriculum. The camp would be run out of the Neon Wave shop for kids roughly between the ages of 8-15. Kids would be taken to Talent Skate Park in Burlington or the Waterbury Skate Park at Hope Davey Park that is projected to open in ~6 months.

- Matt to discuss with Ty how to set up as subcontracted service
- Matt and Ty will discuss programming including waivers, insurance needs, costs of the program, and transportation
- Possibility of adding on as early as this summer as a Club program offered to the 120 kids enrolled in this summer's Rec camp; could be a Stand Alone program in the future

### PICKLEBALL COURTS

At the directive of a motion passed during the May 16th RC meeting, Matt Frazee obtained proposals from VT Outdoor Services and VT Tennis and consulted with the Public Works Department to present 3 Options regarding whether and how to refurbish the courts in their existing location in Memorial Park:

- Option 1 (Done by VT Outdoor Services, VT Tennis, and Parks Staff)
  - Does not address subgrade and instead shims the surface, remove fencing, install an asphalt overlay, paint
  - Cost \$51K
  - Temporary solution that might not last even until Spring, but best case only a few years
  - Town responsible for removing two sections of fence and "rolling up" three sides of fence then replacing
    - Reflecting cracking is likely to occur due to poor subgrade
- Option 2 (Done by Public Works and Parks Staff)
  - Address and improve subgrade then add new gravel base; remove all materials including existing paving and fencing.

- Pave, paint, install fencing to be bid out over winter to be done in spring now that integrity of the surface is better managed and reflecting cracking is less likely
  - Town would solicit bids for paving, fencing and painting,
- Parks will rent equipment and materials, do physical work for site prep
- Cost estimated to be within the \$175K previously approved Capital Funds
  - Saves over estimated \$100K +/- to do the work in house based previous bids that totalled \$192K for just the paving and sitework prep, with fencing and painting not factored in as already over budget
- Option 3
  - Do nothing to address the condition of the existing Courts and recommend next phase long term plan for Memorial Park slated for ~2030

Motion to make recommendation to Selectboard to advance Option 2 - All In Favor

- Public Works in conjunction with Parks this fall to do do site foundation prep work in house
- Hold competitive bid process this winter to find contractors for paving, net post installation, fencing install and painting of surface that would occur next Spring

Stowe Pickleball Club (SPC) members in attendance were pleased with the timeline and appreciative of the Town staff who stepped up to make this possible.

Matt will continue to work with the SPC to keep them informed on the bid process, as well as final design elements including layout, fencing heights and location, paint colors, and fixed v. portable netting.

## RECREATION PATH

- Matt and Lyn inventoried existing benches and tables along the Rec and Quiet Paths to identify locations to replace/repair
- Matt presented options for replacement benches and tables
  - Made of composite recycled plastic
  - No painting needed, will not rust,
  - ADA compliant models for appropriate locations
  - Table cost \$1146
  - Bench cost \$600-\$1000
  - Color choices are possible
    - Quiet Path should have its own color benches
    - Rec Path benches should be different but consistent color
- Matt will put together a template with pricing and process for prospective donors
  - Flexibility for donors to design something themselves for memorialized spaces
- Matt explained policy of donations
  - New donations are currently frozen due as the Town is at capacity and there is a waitlist of new donors

- Existing donors will have a chance to repair or replace but the Town does not maintain a database of donors so follow up is complicated

MOTION for a recommendation for Parks Dept to replace existing tables and benches and create packets with template information for purchase of benches and tables that will include warranty and life expectancy, and also allow for custom designs from the public as opportunities arise. PASSED

#### **QUIET PATH - DOG WASTE SIGNAGE**

- Lyn presented graphic for proposed signs
  - Dimension 12x18
- Lyn will draw up a map of proposed locations and specific language on the signs
- Matt advised signs must have the Town of Stowe logo
- Lyn and Matt identified locations for one or two new waste stations
- Park's Staff will install signs on posts once approved by SB
- Lyn will order signs once approved by SB

MOTION: recommendation to advance proposal for new signage with language and location map to the Selectboard. Lyn and Matt will get on the SB agenda as soon as possible. PASSED

#### **QUIET PATH - DRAINAGE SWALES**

- Matt and Lyn looked at the area
- Matt contacted State to find out about water testing
  - Expensive and unpredictable so not recommended
- PW/Parks/Highway Dept coordinating a fix to bring in stone overlay above the water line
- Cost \$500 for stone plus labor
- Matt to update Committee as work progresses

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Bill Scudder inquired about whether there is a plan to remove the old Quiet Path bridge
  - Matt advised that removal will occur as soon as next week
- Parks is seeking volunteers for the Fourth of July festivities
  - Building a float with camp kids
  - Need volunteers at activities planned for the celebration
  - Contact Rec Office if you are interested

**6:14p Meeting Adjourned**

**\*\*\*\*\*NEXT MEETING JULY 17, 2024 at 5:00p at Stowe Arena\*\*\*\*\***

