

**Draft Minutes for
Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 5:00 p.m., Upstairs at Town Offices**

Present were: Casey Romero, George Agnew, Howard Romero, Greg Fatigate.

1. Call To Order Meeting came to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. Minutes of Jan 12 and April 13, 2017 Howard moved to approve; passed by consensus.
3. Directors Orders Casey reported estimated balance of \$9369 after paying April expenses.
4. Event: Results, Discussion We made \$516 and felt it was very successful. Food sales were \$71, raffle tickets \$228, \$48 donations and \$169 donated by Waterman's Berry Farm smoothie sales. Most leftover meat stayed frozen and can be used in the future. Weather certainly kept crowd size smaller than we would have liked. Music was great, and many parents commented on how their kids enjoyed the park.
5. Bike Terrain Project: Timeline; Grants & Fundraising No funding from the Recreation Trails Grant; the next possible Fed grant is Northern Borders Regional Commission Economic Incentive Program, requires 50% match. Also requires Oct. 1 start date, though notice of approval goes out in August. It would mean a partial start this fall, then finishing next spring & summer. Not ideal for Greg's schedule for doing sitework, but he could at least get sod removed and stored this fall.

Casey raised the question of hiring Brook Scathard (professional trail designer) to do a site visit and a few hours of design for us. After discussion, George moved to hire him for work not to exceed \$600; seconded and approved. George and Casey can work on Go Fund Me page. There are other VT grants we can go for, but none except State Rec. Facilities grant (for money in 2018) has resources like the Federal grant.

6. Goals, 2017 & Beyond: Structures, Social Environment, & Programs Casey described the Park's mission when we started in 2000, suggesting it was perhaps time to consider whether we can provide programs at some point, as well as physical resources. The topic would need broader discussion.
7. Other Business The Community Garden organizers asked whether we would object to having a sign for the Garden on the same dead tree posts as our Park sign at Park Loop Road: No problem. The Town and Tree Board think maple on west side of the Concrete has to come down or be seriously cut back. Town will coordinate with us, and can provide a replacement sapling if it has to be cut down. We could contribute some funds and perhaps get a larger tree. George offered an apple tree; we need to find out what Tree Board thinks will work in that spot. Casey noted that burning the dead lumber pile is a priority – long-standing eyesore to the neighbors. She will contact Nate about this and other site chores. Howard will see what can be done for a larger bulletin board at the entry.
8. Adjourn Greg moved to adjourn at 5:36; approved by consensus.