

Draft Minutes, Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting  
Upstairs at Town Offices; 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2017

Present were Casey & Howard Romero, Jon Girard, George Agnew, Rick Aupperlee till 5:20, Greg Fatigate, 5:15 - 5:40.

1. Call To Order Called to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. Minutes of August 1, 2017 Rick moved to accept the minutes as written; approved by consensus.
3. Directors Orders After Sept. bills, anticipated deposit from LEDC grant, and estimated \$3000 payment to Town for payroll, Casey estimates a balance of about \$7379. She noted this includes our \$3800 Town allocation for 2017, which also covers Jan-June 2118.
4. Site Manager's Report Nate was absent. Casey reported that his work log shows regular repair and clean-up work, plus time talking and riding with several skaters, and helping a new family with 2 young, inexperienced skaters.
5. Laraway Report Rick's news was that he & George S. will be at 10/10 Open House for the Lamoille County Chamber of Commerce. They plan to talk about the Park, Laraway's connections, and the Bike Terrain project to members.
6. Bike Terrain Project: Grants & Fundraising update; Archeology Survey & other Act 250 requirements. Casey gave update on grant money (grim) and permit work (progress!). We are nearly ready to apply for Act 250 permit. Greg will have his own Xcavator next summer for his business; he can do all sitework with this machine. This will give us much more time flexibility and ability to schedule work according to weather.
7. Future Improvement Idea (Jon Girard): Basketball Hoops Jon has been talking a lot with new neighbors in Highland Heights Park. Residents would like to see more things for kids to do, and more picnic tables. Jon already has one free-standing hoop. If we can get two small level areas paved on meadow sides of the far end of Loop Rd., we can set up the hoops. Nets and/or Grafitti wall(s) behind hoops would create a mini-court. 1-2 picnic tables and trash/recycle cans would complete it.

After discussion, we concur this is a good idea and should be pursued. Casey will ask Town about next summer's paving. Rick will bring picnic table request to Cal S. at LYFS.

8. Review Park rental rates Casey got two responses from member VRPA towns. Both charge far less for renting fields, though our situation is a bit different as the public can't use the Terrain during rental hours (may not be true for other fields in other towns). Our fee is more comparable to Talent "party fee". Greg noted that at Talent, renters get the entire space with no possible interference, and that there's potential for conflict with our set-up when riders show up who didn't know Park would be closed. Consensus: leave the rate alone for the time being.

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9. Review revised Mission statement: *To give youth, young adults and families recreation opportunities in a site that is safe and free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.* Also consider describing our goal: *to operate and improve the Park to support responsible riders and their friends & families.* Rick noted that describing the Park as part of the larger Town resource (entire parcel, including Garden) would be a good idea. Casey will re-work words.

10. Other Business It's time to start talking about the 2018 budget and our request to the Town. The current allocation does not cover total payroll expense plus modest operating costs. Casey said she reviewed this dilemma last winter with Selectboard, but requested only a small increase as we anticipated project grant funds could cover many 2018 operating expenses. That did not happen, so we need to talk to them about a bigger request. Consensus: Casey will begin this discussion with Brian Story.

11. Adjourn Howard moved to adjourn at 5:40; seconded and approved.