

Draft Minutes for Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting, April 5 2018
Present: Rick Aupperlee, George Swanson, Greg Fatigate, Casey and Howard Romero; George Agnew by phone.

Before Meeting Starts, Elect Chair for 2018 Rick nominated Casey as Chair, seconded by Greg. Casey said she was willing to serve. Motion passed, with Casey abstaining from the vote.

1. Call To Order The meeting was called to order at 5:03.
2. Minutes of January 4, 2018 George S. moved to approve; George A. seconded; approved.
3. Directors Orders Casey reported we have \$636 paid for March expenses: \$500 for design fee and the rest for printer toner. Both covered by grants. The Town has a new system for grant awards; they are held in a separate account rather than going into our checking account. As of 4/1, we have \$5249 in grants available for Terrain construction and \$2361 available for communication-related and data collection expenses. Estimated checkbook balance is \$10,398.
4. Bike Terrain Project: Budget, Grants & Fundraising, Other Updates
Budget & Grants: The People For Bikes application went in (\$9000 request); we'll hear on May 23. Whether we get it or not, Casey asked the group to set a "working budget" figure for construction, in part because the next big grant available (State Recreation Facilities) isn't until July and funds are awarded in the Fall. She suggested \$6-7000, which includes grant funds and the \$2000 we reserved in 2017. Greg said we could do a considerable amount of sitework for that amount. He and Casey will meet soon to review the materials and labor budget. By consensus, the group agreed to use \$6-7000 as a working budget for now.
Howard said Anna Shulz may be able to get cedar logs for us; Casey will follow up. Greg noted that Buzz Osgood has helped out before with bucketloader; maybe he'll do that when needed.
Fundraising: Discussed in #5.
5. Plan Spring Fundraiser George A. has been talking with musicians about another "Spring Tune-Up". Last year's event was on Green Up Day, 5/6. It went well but was rainy—maybe we should consider a later date, or a rain date (next day or 1 week later). He will discuss dates with musicians. Green Up day is 5/5 this year. George suggested since that's also Cinco de Mayo, maybe we could get a taco truck. He will talk with owner of El Toro, and with Ben Waterman about the bike/shakemaker. He will also talk with Carrie Cook about revising the flyer she did. Question: might someone do a bike repair clinic for simple tune-ups/repairs? Casey will ask Nate; possibly someone from Chuck's Bikes, Power Play Sports (Caleb Magoon) or Bootlegger Bikes (Matt Niklaus). She really needs help getting raffle prizes this year.
6. Laraway Report Rick and George S. described sugaring project and some spring stuff going on, like starting seeds for garden. Summer program meeting has not been held yet, but this year the Backpack program will be held off-site so fewer kids will be on campus. George said there are lots of bikes in need of various repairs in storage; maybe some could be fixed up and be available at the Park? Good idea if we can get someone to do the work. Last, the connecting path to Park will be maintained again this summer. It worked out well last year.
7. Other Business George showed a draft for sign worked up by Healthy Lamoille Valley, essentially No Smoking In This Park. They are looking for feedback. We talked about how a complete ban doesn't really worked for us, but using a butt canister has at least helped control tobacco trash. Casey will follow up with Jessica Bickford. Greg asked whether we wanted him to brushhog the pump track again, at least once. Howard moved that we ask him to do that work; seconded by Rick and approved (Greg abstained from the vote). George told us he is playing in Waterville on April 21; Casey offered to post flyers for this event. Someone asked about having a work day with volunteers to help with any repairs or other work needed. Laraway has helped out in the past. Consensus: good idea but first we need to check out what needs to be done. Howard is available after next weekend; Greg will be done at Smuggs; others generally available as well. We can set this up via phone and email.
8. Adjourn Rick moved to adjourn at 5:40, seconded by George A and approved.