

Draft Minutes for Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting  
5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 2018, Upstairs at Town Offices

Present were: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, George Swanson, Jon Girard & Greg Fatigate.

1. Call To Order Meeting was called to order at 5:07.
2. Minutes of September 13, 2018 Approved by consensus.
3. Directors Orders Casey reported estimated balances of \$2896 in checkbook account and \$13,235 in Grant account after paying current orders (which includes new State grant of \$5000). That means an estimated \$11,048 is available for construction and \$2187 is available for data/communication work. She will review accounts with Rosemary to get accurate balances. No extraordinary operating expenses; grant expenses now include Terrain and Data/Communication work done by Nate. Casey mentioned future possibility of having a the next Site Supervisor as a Work/Study college position, which could reduce our cost. George spoke of intern positions at Laraway, and whether that model is an option for us.
4. Bike Terrain: Recent & Upcoming Work, Budget, Other We should have enough grant money to finish the Terrain and hopefully do a basketball half-court. Jon described a possible temporary set-up (pole supported by tires, on existing pavement). Greg noted disadvantages of a temporary set-up. Brief discussion resulted in consensus that the best location would be on west side of parking area, rather than trying to use a too-small area on far end of paved road. We'd need to talk to the Town about paving. Greg felt strongly (and others agreed) that it's better to do it right once than cobble together something that is sub-standard.

Greg would like to do a bit more sitework this fall, then schedule the rest in April. Asked about the Start Hill, he said he could do that this fall if the Town can do trucking. Highway Dept. is assessing this work now; we should know soon.

Re: Bike Repair Station, Casey had some costs, product info, and input from 3 people familiar with this equipment: an educator who installed one 3 years ago in St. Albans, and the owner & an employee from Power Play Sports. They installed one recently in Waterbury. There's also a new one at LVRT trailhead in Jeffersonville. Basically the 3 people consulted all were enthusiastic about this equipment and had not encountered any significant problems. They also strongly suggested we get a bike rack. The educator said many younger kids did not know how to use the tools, and suggested contacting Local Motion for printed guide he had seen, with good illustrations that possibly could be used for a sign. After brief discussion, consensus was that a Repair Station did align with the educational goals of this project. Product and cost info included 3 manufacturers with different tool stations; 2 also offered pumps. Consensus was that if we need the most vandal-proof options, so should go with a concrete pad installation rather than the less expensive wall-mounted Repair unit. Location could be near Park entrance; we can determine location after the Start Hill is in place. Possibly the Info sign could be next to Repair Station. Casey also showed 2 options for metal bike racks, consensus was to pursue this and hopefully find either a local source or a used unit. The rack would also need to be secured. Casey will get and distribute more info on products.

5. Laraway Report George reported that despite drought, gardening program went well this summer, noting that kids worked with plants from seed to harvest, and were invested in the crop. Plans for spring maple sugaring benefitted from additional equipment for the sugar house, including an arch donated by the Marvin family. School is at maximum student capacity of 40 kids. Jim Heath wanted to know if we still plan to repair the 18 bikes in storage: answer, yes but not until spring. Work could then be done on the Repair Station.
6. Site Supervisors Reports (Jon & Nate) Jon installed plywood as requested by insurance on ramp backs. He cleaned up after the break-in. He repaired the green picnic table and salvaged pieces of

larger old tables to rebuild one. After observing a known homeless family in area behind shed & portolet, he realized they had made a shelter. He moved the

sheet of plywood they had used, took apart the old, big roller ramp, and got other scrap together to be removed.

Casey reported that Nate is now doing only grant-funded work: data & communication work (including coaching) and bike track maintenance. Greg may want his help on the Start Hill. He also checked out the shed tools after break-in; none are missing.

7. Recent Crime & Security Issues On 9/27 Howard & Casey went to Park and saw that Shed was open and some tools had been taken out. Jail looked disturbed; the Milwaukee tool bag (driver, sawzal, battery & charger, and additional blades & bits) was missing. One green picnic table was substantially damaged by sawzal cuts; parts of the 2 older tables had also been cut. There was substantial litter, including several home-made bong. Casey reported immediately to Brian Story and followed his advice re: police report. Given observations about a homeless family seen in tree area behind shed and “bathing” at the water pump, we (and police) concluded they were squatting there. Casey replaced the recently-purchased padlocks, got water turned off and portolet removed ASAP, and removed other power tools from Jail. This family was evicted from squatting in a mobile home in Sterling View last spring. They are known to police, who will now check the Park at night. George suggested trying to find serial numbers for tools.

Whether or not the adults in this family somehow got the key that went missing last August, we clearly have a serious security and marijuana problems added to long-standing problem of alcohol use. George asked for recap of how one new key went missing. Re: locks, Howard recommended we replace shed padlock with a flush-mounted lock. This will require carpentry, as well as other work needed to repair shed. No solution for Jail lock, but we know how vulnerable padlocks are. Greg recommended we keep all tools in the shed.

8. Task List: Insurance Work & Others

*Partial list includes scrap wood, yard hydrant, trash cans, grafitti on concrete, and P & S sign.*

With water turned off, Howard will be able to see if hydrant can be repaired. Concrete grafitti is covered, but over-painting is needed on some ramps. A big load of scrap wood went this week; some still next to Jail. The P & S sign needs to be harvested.

9. Other Business None.

11. Adjourn Howard moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Seconded and passed.