

Draft Minutes for Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting
August 1, 2017

Present were: Casey Romero, Howard Romero, Jon Girard, George Swanson

1. Call To Order Called to order at 5:02.
2. Minutes of July 13, 2017 Approved by consensus.
3. Directors Orders After paying current bills, estimated balance is \$9469, Casey reported. However, we owe about \$1180 to the Town for payroll as of 7/25. Thus, true balance is more like \$8290. Some donations and sales from Tues Night Live will be deposited soon.
4. Site Manager's Report None at this time.
5. Laraway Report George S. said the pathway is in use, and that it will also be useful to the VT Electric Coop for emergency evacuations: a nice benefit in return for their permission to cross their land. Some summer program students have done litter patrol (also on Rail Trail and riverfront in Cambridge) and another group painted over graffiti. Casey asked about various coordinating tasks needed to be done for Skate The Arts Camp. George will contact Ted Lancaster (Maintenance) and Ian Hutchings re: tent—needs to go up Fri 8/11 and come down Fri. 8/18 after 3:00 p.m. Ian should have access to Laraway for emergency weather. He *may* have a LYFS client available as assistant coach.
6. Bike Terrain Project: Act 250; Timeline; Grants & Fundraising No Act 250 news; no grant award news (hopefully in a few weeks for two of the grants). Jon suggested looking at Keurig; George asked about Ben & Jerry's. Casey would rather wait till we hear about current requests, then suggested that the Union and Community (Merchants) Banks might be more receptive. Discussion on how scope of work proposed for this project (thus budget) has expanded in light of work needed to assess "success" of the Bike Terrain – basically by gathering data about usage. The Director of Sports Management program at Johnson State (Andrew LaFranz) is willing to have JSC students do different types of work on the project, including a student survey; he may include the overall project as part of coursework to give students a first-hand look at how a community-based project gets put together. Laraway can gather some info on usage; not sure about Friends of the LV Rail Trail. Casey also hopes to get grant money to pay for some work by the part-time Town Recreation Coordinator in 2018, and hopes the Town will expand the position in 2019. This position is important for long-term sustainability.
7. Review Park rental rates (now \$7-\$10 depending on size of group) These rates have been in effect for years, it's certainly fair to consider a raise. We need to generate more income any way we can. After brief discussion, Casey agreed to see what info the VT Recreation & Parks Association has about what other municipal recreation parks charge for facility rental.
8. 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 as: *to operate and improve the Park to support responsible riders and their friends & families.*
Brief discussion, given the small size of the group. The item will be on our next agenda. Casey explained that the "Goal" idea came up as part of a grant application.
9. Other Business Question raised about changing the meeting date for September due to Labor Day and family conflict for Romeros. Mondays are always out for Jon; George S. is not available the 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Consensus was to meet on Thursday Sept. 7th.
10. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by consensus.

