

Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting  
*Draft Minutes for Wednesday, March 11, 2020*

Present were: Casey & Howard Romero, James Whitehill, George Swanson, Rick Aupperlee, Jon Girard (by phone) and Rec. Coordinator Lisa Crews.

Prior to meeting, elect Chair for 2020: Rick nominated Casey as Chair; seconded by George. Approved.

1. Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. Minutes of December 5, 2019: Howard moved to approve as written. James seconded, and approved.
3. Laraway Report: George said sugaring had begun; they are gearing up for the Farmer On Site and Permaculture programs. A woodcarving will be raffled off on May 15 to benefit the Trailblazers program. Dave McCallister is the new Executive Director. Rick added there will be an Open House sometime in April, date TBD.
4. Project Tasks: Basketball Area & New Sign: Casey has contacted Brian Story to get approval and scheduling for Highway Dept. sitework for the half-court. James has a new sketch of initial design for the proposed sign. He and Casey will continue to work on it, using Lisa's idea to show all Park features. Casey will send him a file of an old map for reference. We are applying for a \$1500 grant that could support some sign costs.
5. Security Issues: Night Traffic, Snowmobiles, Other: After several complaints from neighbors, we need to address illicit night use. A temporary Park Hours sign has been added to existing wood sign at Wescom Rd. turn. The Town offered to install posts so we can close entry off with a cable. After some discussion we decided to lock the cable (versus closing by hook). Jon offered to do the night and morning operation (early enough in a.m. for Community Garden use). George suggested we ask the Elec Coop for donated cable; chain is likely to be stolen. Casey will contact John Varney at the Coop.
6. Site Issues: Water Control, Spring Repairs, Other: Jon has researched metered valves (with timer) for the primary water hydrant; this should eliminate the hydrant being left on. We need to install before water is turned on. Sheet metal on most ramps is an issue; we'll evaluate when snow is gone. We need to decide where to place the 4 x 8 former Parker & Stearns sign to be used as a graffiti wall; it'll be painted over first. James is doing a proposal for Pump Track work and maintenance. He's researched a latex-glue-based spray; opinions seem mixed. Greg could be an info source. James and Jon will evaluate our weed wackers in April.
7. Equipment: Bike Repairs, Storage, Donation/Other Use: James hopes to be getting to Johnson regularly soon and will help deal with bikes. Lisa wondered about having a few bikes available, unlocked, at the Park, and referred Casey to Todd Thomas re: Morrisville loaner bikes. She suggested our Library might want a few bikes as loaners; Casey will ask. Other suggestions: make some bikes available for donation via notices at JES and Front Porch, also at bike clinics.
8. 2020 Programs: Bike The Arts, Clinics, Other: New Bike The Arts Camp will be 7/13-17; Rick and George will see about bad-weather space. Skate The Arts Camp will be 8/10-14; LYFS summer program is done by then. Lisa wants to have at least 2 bike skills clinics this summer, and a bike safety clinic; ideally 1-2 clinics before school is done. Scheduling TBD.
9. Other Business: Lisa said the Town's background check protocol for coaches and volunteers is due for an update. She is evaluating the various options to get compliant with what's currently recommended.
- 10 Adjourn: Howard moved to adjourn at 5:58; seconded by George and approved.