

Draft Minutes, Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021 online on Town Zoom Account

Present were: Howard Romero, Jon Girard, James Whitehill, Greg Fatigate, George Swanson, Rick Aupperlee, Casey Romero, and guest Claire Owens.

1. Call To Order Meeting came to order at 5:05.
2. Draft Minutes of April 8, 2021 Meeting Howard moved to accept them, George seconded, approved by consensus.
3. Directors Orders Casey reported only one bill so far, for the Portolet.
4. Recreation Coordinator's Report Lisa's report via Casey: LUHS student Miles Yetman will start work as a volunteer Ambassador. Lisa has emailed students Tyler Gillen and Ronan Stefanski (and parents) about volunteering. All will follow new Town protocols for volunteers. Lisa spoke recently with Hugh Albright re: proposed basketball half court; Hugh also mentioned option of "sports coating" used at the elementary school court. Casey will follow up with him and will get an updated paving estimate from Kevin Slayton. We don't have enough money for cost of paving a larger area right now. Jon said if cost has basically tripled, extending the concrete feature was a bigger priority. Rick asked about "Thriving Communities" grants that may be available through HUD, no details available now.
5. Laraway Report George said the Hardwick campus (transitional school) has been busy, and that Rick's school-to-work efforts have been productive. The Johnson garden is busy; students are also getting chicken and duck eggs. All students in the summer program will work in the garden; there is 10,000 s.f. of additional garden space thanks to partnership with Tony Lehouillier. New School Director Dana Hill has tasked Rick with administering the student payment rewards for attending the Summer Program; these payments enable kids to buy things like new bikes and computer software. Rick predicted that more LYFS will be volunteering off-campus in Johnson, establishing more LYFS interaction in the community.
6. Volunteers & Hired Personnel Volunteers discussed in #4. Re: Site Assistant position, Ashton Schriber remains highly motivated and available for the job; he has continued volunteer work picking up trash and checking in with Casey. He has graduated from LUHS and turns 18 in late June. Casey, Lisa and Jon support hiring him. Casey moved to hire Ashton when he is 18, salary and weekly hours TBD after discussion with Lisa Crews. Jon seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
7. Update: Sign Project James has materials for the structure and will start building it soon; he'll share his sketch for the top Plexiglas frame. Claire shared her sketch for the map, explaining some words were still hand-drawn. Everyone liked the friendly cartoon-style
8. Site & Program: Bikes, Coaching, Camps, Tent, Grants, Repairs, Other Jon left 3 more kids's bikes in good shape. Will follow up discussing donation schemes with Lisa; maybe youth volunteers or Ashton will pitch in.
 - Portolet: Casey researched the option of buying one; turns out service costs are higher.
 - Tent alternatives: we looked at Greg's shed and Howard's sketch of tarp-on-shed & Jail; consensus was that buying a tent made the best sense.
 - Coaching: no update
 - Camps: Aug. 9, the 1st day of camp, is a half day for LYFS (end of Summer Program). Consensus was that if it was raining, LYFS kids would not be at the Park. If it's thundering, Camp still needs a back-up space if LYFS is not available. Rick is keeping a finger on that pulse, as possibilities change with COVID protocols.
 - Grants: Casey & Lisa have one more Federal application to do next week. These are long shots.
 - Repairs: Jon & Howard will work on foot pedal for yard hydrant. Water still available by regular handle.
9. Other Business Next meeting will be June 3, the 1st Thursday.
10. Adjourn Greg moved to adjourn at 6:11. Seconded by James and passed.