

Draft Minutes, Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Present were: Lisa Crews & Casey Romero at Town Offices; Rick Aupperlee, George Swanson, James Whitehill, Howard Romero, and Claire Whitehill via Zoom.

Note: discussion and notes for this meeting were seriously compromised by Zoom technical problems with Town & some members' computer equipment. Jon Girard tried to attend and could not.

1. Call To Order The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. Draft Minutes of June 3, 2021 Meeting Rick moved to approve as presented; seconded and passed by consensus.
3. Directors Orders and Outlook for FY2021-22 Casey reported operating expenses of ~\$782 and grant-paid expenses of ~\$1005 in June. Not sure when we will get year-end reports, so we don't know if any FY21 money will be moved to our Reserve Fund. For FY22, the only area of concern is the \$1300 budgeted for Personnel. That's rather low, it'll pay for about 20 hours/mo for the active months. Ashton earns \$15/hr; we pay about an additional \$1.50 for benefits. If other Operating Budget expense categories end up under budget by June 2022, we should be fine. Rick asked if we cover the usual benefits for salaried employees? Answer: we do.
4. Proposals: Additional Sign Sketch; Terrain Park Maintenance & Improvements Casey reviewed Claire's estimate (Fern Valley Design) for an additional sketch for the sign (work already requested & done), and Greg's proposal for \$1500 for structural improvement on Teeter Totter and dirt work on one trail. Both expenses will be paid by grant funds. Greg also asked James or others if any other mini-X work was needed as long as he had the machine on site. After discussion, Howard moved to approve \$100 for additional sign sketch and a sum not to exceed \$1500 for Bike Terrain site work. Seconded by Rick, and approved. James will contact Greg directly about any additional Mini-X site work for other areas.
5. Recreation Coordinator's Report Summer camp has started at Old Mill Park. The tent for Sk8 the Arts Camp will be set up on Friday, Aug. 6; the tent may be needed for Rec programs next summer. Lisa will be on vacation for 10 days. She and Casey will have info on display at future Tuesday Night Live events. She and Casey discussed moving the proposed basketball half-court to Old Mill Park where other ball sports are played. Some current playing fields need to be re-located and there is room for a half-court near the playground area.
6. Laraway Report George said the Summer Program began this week. The orchard has been planted, and a 1-acre garden (biggest ever). Rick said the new School Director is adjusting the program to post-Covid guidelines. Summer Program youth divide their time equally among academics, work tasks (some off-site), and recreation like swimming and park visits. Lisa will follow up with Rick re: bike safety signage at Willow Crossing as she recently met with VTrans about safety issues.
7. Volunteers & Hired Personnel Lisa has given Miles Yetman some tasks. Ashton Schriber is now a part-time Town employee at \$15/hr. plus workers' comp coverage. He's budgeted for about 20 hours per month.
8. Sign Project & Additional Sketch Discussion wasn't really possible due to tech and audio problems. Casey will follow up with Claire.
9. Seasonal Tasks: Bikes, Coaching, Camp, Tent, Grants, Repairs, Site James will evaluate bikes very soon; maybe some can be given away at our 2nd vaccination clinic (7/24) at the Park or the clinic at Tuesday Nite Live (7/27). Rick said at least two people he spoke with went to get shots; he noted a date error on the Park clinic flyers; this will be fixed. Howard has the new foot pedal to be installed at water pump.
10. Other Business Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 5.
11. Adjourn Rick moved to adjourn at 5:30, seconded by James and approved.