

Town of Grand Isle

Recreation Committee Minutes - Draft

When: Thursday, August 10th 2023 - 6:30 PM

Where: Donaldson Park Pavilion

- Call to Order **6:33 PM**
- Attendees (Committee Members / Guests) **Laura Johnson, Lindsay Lundquist, Jaime Short, Shirley Mora, Emily S.J. White, Roth Perry / No Guests**
- Review and approve prior minutes **Approved**
- Amend agenda for items not listed
 - I have info to access the website. Would anyone like to work on updating our page? **Shirley agreed to give it a shot.**
 - VRPA Conference **See in new business below.**
- Guest Business **N/A**
- Old Business
 - Oaths ready for signature - Jaime, Shirley, signed? Melissa should have Erin's ready next week. **Jaime and Erin still to do.**
 - IPA
 - Roth checked with the town and we will need to rent the chipper ourselves as the town does not have one. Perhaps we could coordinate a time to work with the IPA to chip. Yogi's now done, time to schedule. **To do list.**
 - Any update on the chain link fence? Quotes have come in and range from \$___ to \$___ **Lowest quote at \$12,672 - The project cost is out of budget.**
 - IPA would like a shed, wondering if we would contribute. If so, how much? **Committee approved \$750 contribution to the IPA for shed purchase.**
 - Bocce
 - Roth asked the Bocce picnic table carpenter if they would be interested in making more. He said he would. Need to quote the material list. **To do list.**
 - Existing Shed - Roth and Jaime have keys - Roth to set up a cleanout day soon **To do list.**
 - Review of old docs at the town for guidelines/bylaws, any updates? **Complete, nothing discovered that would lead to changes in how the committee operates.**
 - Park Ranger job approved by the Select Board. Next step, advertise and present a candidate to the Select Board. Update, with more park activity, the park has been taken care of nicely to date by the users. **Committee to pause and reevaluate in 2024.**
 - Budget - 8/10/22 approximate balance \$_____. **Emily to get update.**

- Donaldson Upkeep During the Summer - (Lawn Mowing / Electricity / Security Cameras / Trash Cans / MOU with highway dept / Tree clearing / Portable Toilets) **WiFi info sign to be created.**
 - Mowing seems to be getting done around the park.
 - Cameras? - Still need to locate **To do**
- Donaldson Park Master Plan - Any interest in pursuing identified grants for this? **On Hold.**
- Adult Summer Slow Pitch Softball. Playoffs started. Good reports and participation. We'll have spent just over \$500. Erin has put together a nice expense report which we should use for our projects going forward. **We will continue tracking our expenses moving forward for the various programs.** Barbecue on the last weekend? **Season ending BBQ celebration on 8/20. Rec to provide burgers, hotdogs, condiments, plates, napkins.**
- Lacrosse Clinic - US Lacrosse membership obtained? Equipment grant applied for? **US Lacrosse Membership obtained. Grant has been applied for.**
- Portable PA System - Bose S1 Pro battery powered w/ Mic \$649.99. 6 Hour runtime, good reviews, small and portable with big sound.
<https://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/S1ProSys--bose-s1-pro-multi-position-pa-system-with-battery> **Approved for purchase.**
- **New Business**
 - Expense tracking. Erin agreed to set up a spreadsheet to start tracking our program expenditures / income. **Erin's spreadsheet nicely tracked expenses and income for the adult softball program. We will continue using this system moving forward.**
 - Selectboard member Josie has approached me about installing a designated swim area at the town beach. Anyone interested in helping to move forward with this? **Emily will provide a map so that we may sketch the swim area, determine the number of buoys, come up with a plan and budget to bring to the selectboard. Will also need to determine who will put in and remove the buoys annually.**
 - What's next?
 - Soccer (U10 and U12 travel & clinic, looking to re-partner with South Hero) **Travel clinic through GI Rec and Rec Clinic through South Hero with our assistance.**
 - End of Summer Celebration committee - **Decided to do a Fall Festival on September 30th. Erin and Shirley to help organize.**
 - Start thinking about the ski program. Need to check with Ashley Hanlon about school participation. **First step, Lindsay will find out pricing info from Smuggs and Bolton. Plan on using cheddarup for signups.**
 - VRPA Conference - **Emily will be attending through her role with the State. We will consider sending someone in the future.**
- Confirm next meeting date/time - September 14th, 2023 at 6:30 PM
- Adjourn **7:40 PM**