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Bradford Parks & Recreation Commission  
March 15, 2023, Bradford Academy, Room 22B

**Members present:** Jean Carlan (chair), Emily Murphy, Jared Pendak, Keith Pendak

**Guests present:** Molly Morin, Kerry Pendak, Sarah McKelvey (late arrival), Mike Wright (via Zoom).

**Meeting called to order:** 7:08 p.m.

**Public comment:** none.

**Finances:** \$350 donation received for “memory tree” in dog park \$350. Jen to place in donation line item.

Jean was recently locked out of building, will look into cost of new key fobs and try to able to manage lock clock timer (motion to gather quote approved 4-0).

Mike (recently named to Selectboard) to request that amount town Commissions may spend independently (no Selectboard approval) for single purchases increase from current \$200 maximum to at least \$500.

**Discussion topics:**

Last SB meeting ARPA funding approved by Selectboard for Phase I of foot path. Dirt path. Upper Valley Trails Alliance to build.

SB also approved use of ARPA funds for EP bathroom ventilation. Following approval, it was suggested that BPRC instead seek state grant funding earmarked for building enhancements. Jean agreed.

Mike suggested scheduling the enhancements, knowing the ARPA funding is there if needed. “We don’t want to delay it.” If grant funding is received later, can be used to replenish the ARPA fund.

**Park use applications:** Jennifer Palmer birthday party for 24 on April 30 at Pavilion. Should be cleared of ice, but not definite. Insurance requirement to be waived.

Space on Main application Wednesday nights in Denny Park 2-9 pm. June/July/August. Paid online \$595. 17 Wednesdays. Will send insurance.

Bradford Youth Sports: Memorial Field use Mon-Fri. 2:30-8 pm and Sat.’s 8-1. Forwarded liability insurance. Also applied for Memorial Field use for up to 50 on a July weekend date TBD.

All applications approved 4-0 pending use payments/insurance where applicable. Jean to follow up (Emily to help with next round of park use applications).

**Wicked Cool for Kids Summer programming:** Five weeks are scheduled (July 10-Aug. 11); verbal permission granted to use BES. Company will manage registration, including payments. Jared to send details to Selectboard and request agenda item for Thurs. March 23 to be granted permission.

**Open Gym:** Wrapped up for the season, was successful.

**Walter Lee Fund:** Applications for 2023 funding due first week of May. Last year three of five BPRC requests were approved.

Mike: BYS may want to redo infields for Memorial Field baseball and softball surfaces (approx.. \$5,500).

**Elizabeth's Park:** Volunteer workday scheduled for Sun., April 16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Play structure may be rebuilt in about five years. Jean suggested staining the play structure to help it stay durable for the stretch run. Sarah suggested Oxbow students will be able to help with the staining project as part of project-based learning curriculum.

Jared mentioned conversation he'd had with Corinth-based artist Matthew Denton about possibly painting the play structure in a rainbow pattern. Will connect Matthew and Jean via email.

Jean working on quote for swing header.

**Easter egg hunt:** Sat., April 8 at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Jean to put out orange cooler for candy donations at BA outside town clerk's office. Stuff easter eggs on Thurs., April 6 in rec office. Advertising on Facebook and Listserv.

Sarah to look into Oxbow students helping to help fulfill their volunteer requirements.

Pink bunny suit. Keith should be the bunny!

Jared announced intent to resign. Recently joined Planning Commission and is involved in numerous additional volunteer pursuits.

**Next meeting:** Wed., March 29 at 7 p.m.; then April 12 and April 26.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes by JPendak.