

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Barnes Town Hall**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair Gagne at 9:00 am. Quorum was established with members present: Dawn Piburn, Terry Kolberg, Kay Erdahl, Blair Gagne. Marc Lybeck on Video call.

A motion to approve agenda and dispense with reading of minutes by Dawn, seconded by Kay. Motion passed.

Playground equipment to replace the wooden structure was discussed again. A motion was made to ask the town board for a sinking fund started for this purpose in the amount of \$15,000 a year, so in several years we would have enough for some new equipment, by Blair, seconded by Kay. Motion passed.

The building permit for garage at TLP will be approved, but is contingent on the lot situation. Surveyor, Brock Frierhood suggested that the existing small lots would be combined into one large parcel with removing the roads on "paper" without an entire new survey. With the park being one large parcel- the building permit would be approved and work could be commenced early next spring.

Budget for 2024 was discussed. Town has \$30,000 towards the garage at TLP. This should cover the cost if it is built by volunteers. The budget has a sinking fund of \$7,000 for Parks and the Friends of TLP has \$11,600 for a balance. Suggestion was made to look at paying volunteers for grooming, etc. and making sure that all expenses get reimbursed.

A smaller ice rink within the present area of the hockey rink using a plastic sheeting liner to retain water was discussed. A motion was made to approve ordering a liner online to use over the concrete slab in the rink, by Kay, seconded by Dawn. Motion passed.

Voting for Officers will be moved to next month's meeting agenda.

A workday for TLP trails will be scheduled by the Friends of TLP group before winter. Bruce & Dawn have been out surveying the conditions of the trails. Some areas may have brush encroaching on sides of trail.

A memorial was suggested for Marcia Wellnitz, who passed away recently. Marcia was a long-time member of our committee and many other contributions to our town. A motion was made to plant a tree in her honor, along with a plaque, in the town park by Kay, seconded by Blair. Motion passed.

Windscreens on the courts will be removed on October 14 by volunteers and stored by Marc. Asking the town to remove the nets about November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Kolberg.