

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, May 11, 2023 at Barnes Town Office**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Blair Gagne

Quorum was established with present members: Mark Sutton, Marc Lybeck, Kay Erdahl, Terry Kolberg, Blair Gagne. Also in attendance: Loren Bohl, Park Maintenance and Dave Scully, Town Board member.

Agenda- Marc asked to add Meeting time. Agenda and last minutes approved.

TLP trail maintenance day will also include general park grounds clean-up from 12-3 on May 20. Beaver activity is a problem on trails and it was discussed if someone should be hired to trap some.

Blair got a price on material for 32 x 32-foot garage at Menards for about \$23,000. Discussion ensued about garage and concrete slab. Dave Scully estimated material for slab about \$3000 and he would donate his labor, plus he needs some help. Marc will check if someone from town road crew could help for the concrete pour. Garage could probably be built by volunteer labor. Marc made a motion to move forward with completing the concrete slab. Seconded by Mark. Approved. Possible date to install on May 24 or 25<sup>th</sup>. Kay will ask Mountaineer construction if their forms could be borrowed.

A list of volunteers would be helpful. Charlie Watson may have a list of emails started.

Skating rink condition, the size and use were discussed. At this time- it does not hold water. How much is it used and whether it could be smaller than a regulation size hockey rink or locate somewhere else were all discussed. It was decided that members walk and look at it after the meeting.

Ski groomers are needed and also a UTV with tracks that would work better than the snowmobile presently used for pulling groomer. After the garage is built, this tracked vehicle could be researched for the next large purchase. Snowmobile could also be kept for some uses at the park.

The wooden Playground equipment needs ongoing maintenance and painting. It was suggested that a Playtime Company representative be contacted to meet with the committee and discuss equipment and cost that would replace the wood structure. It was suggested a sinking fund could be started and also grants researched for this future replacement.

Meeting time was discussed and a motion was made by Marc to change starting time to 10:00. Seconded by Mark. Passed. Next month meeting June 10th will be 10 am starting time. On the agenda will be looking at the town budget for the parks. Also brought up was a question if we still have the \$5000 grant received last year for the tennis court. Meeting adjourned 10:45.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Kolberg