**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, September 12, 2024, Barnes Town Office**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 by chairman, Blair Gagne. Quorum was established with members present: Mark Sutton, Barb King, Kay Erdahl, Dawn Piburn, Blair Gagne. Also present Tom Renz, Town Board Liaison, and Pat Johnston, citizen. Public notice posted Sept, 11,2024.

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Mark, seconded by Barb. Passed.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting by Dawn, seconded by Mark. Passed.

Pat Johnston provided an update on the memorial garden. Three 10 gallon trees are being purchased and picked up from Wood River Nursery in Grantsburg, September 15th at a cost of $500. Blair will coordinate the holes being prepared in advance of Wednesday, September 18th planting. No additional information was available on when moving the propane tank or pouring the new sidewalk entrance will take place.

Barb King reported on her inspection of the large wooden playground structure, given that a walkway has recently broke. Panel have been put in place to keep children from using the walkway; however, the structure is in poor shape and the committee agreed that it would be best to have it removed. Tom Renz will research finding someone to dismantle the structure.

The TLP garage building permit continues to be in a pending status.

Updating the Town’s UTV (Ranger) for occasional use for TLP ski trail needs was agreed upon by the Town Board. A heater, hitch and doors will be added at the expense of the Friends of TLP.

A TLP fall workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, at 10 a.m.

Dozer work was completed on TLP’s snowshoe trails and the Bayfield County forester approved the changes. $1,100 of the $2,500 grant monies has been used. Additional effort on downed trees, sign improvement and outhouse shingles may be needed. Blair will complete a work request using a skid steer to level off some areas.

2025 Committee members was discussed. Blair Gagne and Marc Lybeck will renew their 3 year commitment. Decisions on 2025 officers are pending.

Skating rink options were discussed. Tom Renz reported that a company (Innovative Basement) could fill cracks and repair the old rink surface at a price of $18,000. The committee was in agreement that the liner agreed upon last fall would be a more affordable option and should be implemented this winter.

Blair will request verification from Lisa regarding budget status for the parks as requests for 2025 budget needs are needed.

Tom Renz reported that the Town’s website is being updated and will be maintained in the future by Complete Computer Solutions in Hayward. Once we are notified of this change, updates are needed regarding TLP (for example, the addition of the snowshoe trail).

Motion was made to adjourn by Dawn, seconded by Mark. Passed and adjourned.

Submitted by Kay Erdahl