**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, August 14, 2025 at Barnes Town Office**

Meeting called to order at 9;30 by Chairman, Blair Gagne. Quorum was established with members present: Kay Erdahl, Terry Kolberg, Barb King, Blair Gagne, Mark Sutton.

A motion to approve the agenda made by Terry, seconded by Kay. Passed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Kay, seconded by Mark. Passed.

The sub-committee for TLP signage met to discuss steps in mapping the trail systems. Existing maps were made by advance printing and they still have info on those, so price on doing new is reasonable. Carmen from the county advised on the coordinates mapping and Mark will walk the trails with Brigid from the county to collect data needed. Terry suggested an easily visible sign to direct visitors to the start of the snowshoe trail now behind the garage.

The garage building is going well. Volunteers plan to work this sat and sun-although rain is predicted sat. Garage doors will be delivered early September and we know of a couple local experts that may be asked to help out on installation when the time comes.

Additions and revisions to the town website were given by Kay and Terry. The committee discussed these and Blair will give permission to the town clerk to make these changes to present website.

Memorial garden is still waiting for Playground and other possible changes to the area to go further.

Kay made a “flyer” to post at local establishments with information on donating to a new playground fund. A motion was made by Kay, seconded by Terry to use the flyer, pending the “Donate” button has the additional option of “Playground Equipment”. Passed

Playground equipment. The subcommittee will meet to try to narrow down the play structure we would like. Estimaed to need about $50,000 to purchase a good structure. The county Health and Wellness grant can be applied for in April 2026 for playground, and then we have 1 year to use it.

At present time -our budget for playground with sinking fund of $7,080 and about $2,000 from Taste of Barnes-totals about $9,000. Our committee will ask the town for an amount of $40,000 to be put in new budget for 2026.

Volunteer lunch for Barnes will be September 1st at the town park. Our next committee meeting will be September 18th instead of the 11th.

Amotion to adjourn was made by Terry, seconded by Barb. Adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by Terry Kolberg