**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, April 10, 2025, Barnes Town Office**

Meeting was called to order by Mark Sutton. Quorum was established with members present: Barb King, Kay Erdahl, Dawn Piburn, Terry Kolberg with Blair Gagne on Zoom call. Also present: Loren Bohl, Park Maintenance, and Tom Renz, Town Board Liasson. Public notice posted 04/-03/2025.

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

A motion was made by Kay to approve the Minutes of last meeting, seconded by Dawn. Passed.

The 3rd loop of the snowshoe trail. Mark walked the marked off trail with Lindsey and members of the county highway department. They can use the ASV to clear, which will be more efficient than the way work was done on previous sections of trail. The cost is about $1500. The trail needs to be walked again with Lindsey to look at where we can use RMZ (-Riparian management Zone) so no logging could be done on the trail in future. A motion was made to hire Bayfield County to expand the snowshoe trail by Blair, seconded by Mark.

Blair is writing up the request for the Health and Wellness grant from the county. Majority of the funds would be used for signage and GPS coordinates. There is $1300 left from last years grant that needs to get used up first.

Garage at TLP. Tom wrote to the Bayfield County administrator in regard to the garage building permit. At this time -it is approved, but permit not received. Hoping yet to pour concrete slab in May.

The proceeds from the” Taste of Barnes” event will go towards the new playground equipment at the town park. Also, a donation jar will be available at the event for attendees to donate directly to the playground fund. Dave Scully will be taking down the old wood playground structure.

The skating rink was well used this winter. A few volunteers wanted to use it for hockey and flooded the entire rink. The new heater in the warming house works great. Tom mentioned that the town would like to have a skating party event in December, weather and ice permitting.

The swimming raft at TLP beach is in discussion again and Tom called attorney to find out what our liability is if it is put out on the lake. Question came up about beach clean-up. Conservation club letter mentioned they take care of it- so that has to be confirmed.

 Marc Lybeck replacement on the committee. A few had suggestions and it was decided to table nominations for replacement until next meeting. A motion was made for Mark Sutton to be vice-chairmen by Barb, seconded by Kay. Passed.

New business. Terry mentioned that the students in the LEEP program would plant some native plants at Tomahawk Park -near the boat landing, on May 7th and would like our verbal approval. Committee approved.

The 5K race/walk at TLP will not be held during the Taste of Barnes. Perhaps it will be scheduled at another later date.

Loren had some discussion about the Lawnmower.

A motion to adjourn at 10:40 was made by Down, seconded by Terry. Passed. Meeting adjourned.

 Submitted by Terry Kolberg