

## Meeting Minutes

Bethel Recreation Committee

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

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A) Call to order 4:30 PM

The group called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at the Town Offices in Bethel, VT.

B) Roll call

In attendance: Dulce Ricciardelli-O'Hare; Abbie Sherman; Frances Staples; Eleanor Griffin and Pool Director, Whitney Dumville.

C) Approval of minutes from last meeting

The committee moved and approved the minutes of Monday, May 14, 2012.

D) Open issues

1. Personnel: Pool Director and staff will attend the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association Summerama training for summer program staff to be held in WRJ. Staff will hold their first meeting and begin setting up the facility on June 4. The committee and director have hired two new part time lifeguards.
2. Summer Programs: Rochester School will be contacted to arrange a special sign up for Rochester residents, possibly at their school. An advertisement will be placed soon to announce the pool opening and sign up information. Sign up forms are now available online.
3. Recreation Facility: Water and electricity will be turned on by June 4, 2012. Edge of liner in pool is in need of repair. Windows in bathrooms are in need of replacement. Abbie will get quote for tennis court crack repair for the committee to consider. A discussion about the sandbox occurred. It was decided that it should be moved or removed since it is too close to the climbing structure and frequently is dirty and unsuitable for children. The committee discussed the point that was brought up by Eleanor Griffin that when the Town budgets for the Recreation Center, more attention should be paid toward the tennis courts and other activities that occur at the Center. A discussion about the cedar trees occurred. Their roots are damaging the tennis courts and parking area and obstruct views from the pool to the courts. The trees need to be pruned.
4. Master Plan: Abbie will contact Steve Durkee to invite him to our next meeting to discuss moving forward with a master plan for the Bethel Recreation Center.

E) New business

1. Fundraising ideas were discussed at length, as well as ideas about doing more collaboration between the school and Recreation Department.
2. Next summer the state will be repaving Vermont Route 12, so some of the current road can be repurposed for use in the Recreation Center parking lot.
3. A suggestion was made to hold our summer meetings at the pool to get more people involved in volunteer efforts, possibly recruit more committee members and have staff attend our meetings.

F) Next meeting time, date, and location

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 4:30 PM at the Bethel Town Offices

G) The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Dulce Ricciardelli-O'Hare