

Shelburne Recreation Committee
***Draft* Minutes**
Monday, April 29 6:00 PM

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Kathie Pudvar, Renee Davitt, Kelli Magnier, LynnAnn Prom, Bruce Whitbeck, Susan McLellan

Student Members present: Jackson Townsend, Mia Brumsted, Garrett Gruending

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: Mary Kehoe

Called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes from March 25 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: none

Directors Report: See written report below. Discussion was held about a gate to block the entrance/ exit or boulders to block access to the grass.

Programming Proposals:

Mary Kehoe, Selectboard Member, discussed her idea to offer kayak and paddleboard rentals through a vendor located at Bay Park. A goal of the Selectboard is to increase economic means in Town by drawing more people here. One way to do that is through recreational opportunities that bring people into Shelburne with the hope they will do other things here like shop or eat. One concern Betsy has is whether we want to host a commercial business at a Town Park and if yes, how to manage it? Mary also spoke with the Harbormaster, who expressed it would be hard to launch from the Bay Park site. It's a long way to carry Kayaks or SUPs down to the water from the parking lot. A better option to launch is at the State boat launch right next to Bay Park. Mary will follow up with them about the possibility. Also discussed a Pop-up store in the vacant space next to Harrington's that might work.

Drop-In Pickleball – A resident has asked for times to be designated for pick up pickleball at Davis Park. Group discussion was held about the pros and cons. Decided to leave court policy as is: open for pickleball or tennis as a first come, first serve basis.

Special Event Planning Update:

Summer Concerts:

Food Vendors @ Fireworks event – Betsy met with Curt Echo to get his input and advice on the Food vendor contracts. He has years of experience in the industry and offered to help. After reviewing the contract, he suggested we also require food trucks to have a state license and to leave the no alcohol policy for the food trucks. Curt has committed the Sausage Shack to be at the concert and we are waiting to hear if Tim Williams will have a pizza truck. Other suggestions were Taco Gordo, Pingala and Montreal's Best for variety.

Staging for Concerts – Betsy needs to get quotes and details to Shelburne Farms for staging. They will follow up with a request for donation from Teddy Bear.

Concert dates at Shelburne Farms are: Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31.
Concert and Fireworks at Vermont Teddy Bear is Tuesday, Aug. 6 (raindate Aug. 7)
Back to the Beach: Tuesday, June 18th. The Fire Dept. has committed to helping by offering their grill and services. Bounce house is ordered. Everything all set!

Beach Update:

Trees at the beach: We have a permit to cut down 3 trees at the beach. Originally planned 3 dying Norway Maples near the beach wall, but one is looking better this spring so will only cut down 2. Looking at cutting down a dying pine leaning toward the gazebo instead of the 3rd maple. We will be planting three trees (Freeman or Red Maple) in the spots marked with orange stakes at the beach. Susan questioned if planting trees near the wall would help stabilize it.

AED Proposal: After discussion about the need for an AED at the beach at the March meeting, the idea was proposed after the last meeting to try to get a SCHIP Grant to pay for an AED instead of waiting another year and a half to go through the budget process. With the support of Lee and the Selectboard, Betsy submitted a Grant proposal for their April 30 deadline. We expect to hear in May if we will receive it or not. The Town offices don't have one so the Lee suggested to keep it at the Beach during the summer season and move it to the Town offices during the rest of the year. We would have a storage cabinet in both places. LynnAnn inquired about bringing the Stop the Bleed Program to the Town. Betsy is still considering that as a future program.

Other Business:

Garrett inquired how many lifeguards have been hired for the summer. We have 4 full time guards but still need at least 1 more part time guard added to the staff. Garrett suggested we contact CVU for students who are participating in the on the "Rise" course.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Director's Report

Spring Program Participation Update:

Compost Workshop – 14
Pickleball Lessons – 13
Youth Lacrosse (1st-3rd gr.) - 63
GPS Juniors Soccer - 9

Other News and Updates:

There was vandalism at Bay Park earlier this month. A man drove his truck through the grass in several areas near the parking lots and destroyed the ground. Initial estimate for repair is \$5800. Fortunately, the Police received a call and caught him leaving Bay Park. He is being charged and we hope to recover the damages. In a separate incident this past weekend, a vehicle was stolen in Shelburne and was found stuck in the mud on the grass at Bay

Park. Please be vigilant and call police if you see suspicious behavior in our Town Parks, or call the Recreation Department if you see damage to report.

Green up day is May 4th! Bags are available in advance at the Town Clerks Office. Full bags can be left at the Highway Dept. on Turtle Lane between 7am and 3pm. Trash goes on the truck, tires and wood should be left on the ground next to the truck. Thanks to all residents who help keep our Parks and Town "green"!

Notice: Sat. May 4th is Shelburne Little League Opening Day! The Annual team parade will take place in Town at 9am followed by games, competitions, bake sale, bounce house, face painting and more at the Town fields (5420 Shelburne Rd.). Come join the spring fun!