

Town of Rowe Park Commission  
Meeting Minutes for 9/6/2018

Present: Laurie Pike (Park Commissioner), Susan Williams (Park Commissioner)  
Sean Loomis (Park Manager)

Audience: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

The minutes from the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

**New Business:**

1. Rowe Camp Vandalism to Park:

The Park Manager reported that Rowe Camp was going to be paying the Park \$700 for the damage done to the volleyball net from the golf cart incident, with \$550 to replace the net & the remainder to be put into the wage account for the hours spent cleaning up.

2. Cultural Council programs:

The time is approaching where there needs to be a decision and application for programs through the Cultural Council.

Recommendations from the Park Manager included:

- Magician for the Rec Program
- Southern VT Natural History Museum – Owls, birds of prey, etc.
- Walnut Hill Tracking – perhaps a winter program
- A nutritionist for the Fitness Center
- Weight training

3. Kiosk:

Discussion about having an informational Kiosk at the park.

Other ideas were a trailside museum in a small building such as the kits sold by the Jamaican Cottage Shop.

Discussed possibility of splitting costs with School.

**Old Business:**

1. Dog Waste Receptacles:

It was reported that the BOH will not split the costs of the dog waste receptacles for the park. It was then decided that the park will purchase one receptacle at the cost of approximately \$175 to be placed in the park near the trailhead. The waste receptacles include sign, post, plastic waste bags plus waste can.

Additional receptacles will be budgeted for next year.

The Park Manager will also talk to people about cleaning up after their dogs.

Also putting a notice in the Goal Post

2. Fitness Center Hours:

The Fitness Center is open from M-F from 8:00am – 5:00pm with additional hours as posted by the Park Department. No one will be allowed in before 8:00 due to the janitors need to clean.

Deb will have additional hours starting in October as Fitness Center attendant.

There has been no other talks or complaints about the hours.

3. Docks & Piers:

Commissioner Pike brought in more information on requirements for new docks & piers and will be writing up a proposal for the permitting process for new structures. Discussion proceeded about possible sizing, anchoring & materials of said structures and the permitting process which would include filling out an application (including drawings, materials, etc) & bringing the application to a Park Commission meeting who will then approve or make suggestions and finally be given a permt. Questions posed were 1) whether Conservation Commission needs to be involved, 2) the possibility of having forms online for people to fill out.

4. Tennis Courts:

Continued discussion about resurfacing the courts and do we want to go with the current 2 courts or have 1 tennis court and 1 multi-use court similar to the new ones at Cowell Gym in Shelburne. Need to come up with an updated cost as the cost we have is several years old. Commissioner Pike will write to the Shelburne committee to find out the process they went through and will research and come up with an updated cost. As of now the Park has approximately \$30,000 earmarked for this project.

5. Park Commissioner replacement:

Possible candidates for replacing Michael Phillips were discussed.

6. Park Manager's report given

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Williams (Park Commissioner)

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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