

## RECREATION BOARD

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### MEMBERS:

Julie LaRue, Chairman  
Bryan Meck  
Tim Thompson  
David Allen (absent)  
Regina Sousa (absent)

*Also present:* Mark Cain, Recreation Director

The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

### MINUTES:

Ms. LaRue made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes, second by Mr. Meck. All present members voted "aye" to approve.

### GUEST:

The Recreation members welcomed Mr. Ron Brand, Director of Development and Ms. Susan Hopkins, Planning Consultant.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mr. Brand said that they are updating the Comprehensive Plan and need to update the parks and recreation section.

Mr. Brand and Ms. Hopkins asked to come to the meeting to discuss ideas for a survey they would like to send out to the Farmington community. Ms. Hopkins will put together a survey draft and would like the Recreation members to share their wants and needs for any recreation programs and any concerns they have.

A discussion was had on what should be included on the survey. Ms. Hopkins said that she has reviewed a survey that was sent out in 2008-2009 on key topics of interest the community was looking for. Ms. Hopkins asked the members how the current parks are being used

The Recreation members had the following comments:

Mr. Meck reviewed how the current parks are being used along with the hiking trails and are more fall fields needed? Mr. Meck said that he has had multiple requests about Boughton Park and possibly the town of Farmington joining the other three towns. Mr. Meck suggested a dedicated pickle ball park, possibly an indoor court.

Ms. LaRue said that she feels the town is lacking in not having an indoor facility and the need for larger playgrounds.

Mr. Cain said that the survey should ask what the community would like to see in the future.

Mr. Brand said that he has heard that there is interest in having an ice rink and an indoor recreation facility.

Mr. Brand said that a question to ask would be how they would like to see the 50 acres owned by the town be used. They need to ask the community to prioritize their wants and interests and put together a vision.

Mr. Cain said that they should ask how much money is the community is willing to spend?

Mr. Brand said that the survey should be kept short, about 10-15 questions.

Ms. Hopkins said that she will prepare a draft of questions and ask for any revisions. A discussion was had on the best way to distribute the survey to all households. Possibly using a QR Code placed on the town news letter. Mr. Brand said that they would like to have all the data back before the town hires a consultant.

Mr. Brand asked that Mr. Cain send out an e-mail to the recreation members who could not attend tonight's meeting for their comments.

Mr. Cain said Ms. LaRue and himself have been invited by the town of Victor to discuss the possibility of a shared recreation facility on Brace Road.

Mr. Brand said that he is gathering data for future grants for trails and parks.

#### **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Cain said that there was an average of 223 children attending every day. There were about 170 children for the field trips. Mr. Cain said that it was a successful program. Mr. Cain said that biggest problems were staff issues.

#### **TRUNK N TREAT:**

The trunk n treat celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023 weather permitting. Members are to arrive at 11:20 and the celebration will start at 12:00.

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Mary Richter, Clerk of the Board recorded the minutes.