

A meeting of the Town of Moreau Recreation Commission was held on May 2, 2011 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York.

Chairman, Garth Baker, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Garth Baker, Chairman; Elizabeth Lanfear, Secretary; Bob Vittengl, Andy Laing, Keith Kreppein

Absent: Ryan Dennis, John Farrell

Also Present: Steve Gram, Recreation Director; Loretta Salazar from the Calico Dancers (Pow Wow)

Motion was made by Andy Laing and seconded by Bob Vittengl to approve the April 2011 minutes.

Baker -	Yes
Lanfear -	Yes
Vittengl -	Yes
Kreppein -	Yes
Laing -	Yes

Garth Baker asked for the Rec Director's report.

Steve Gram stated that after having a meeting with Councilwoman LeClair and Councilman Cumm, he now has all the rec employees log their daily activities. He has now included Nick Mattison. He also explained that there had been damage done to both of the Quad bathrooms. The modified softball team was practicing at the time and was able to identify one of the boys. The name was given to Officer Jones and when the boy was questioned, he identified the other. The uncle of the boys will look at the damage in order to repair it.

Councilwoman LeClair offered to supervise community service for the boys if that was determined to be the consequence. She said she could use help with plantings.

Bob Vittengl asked how old the boys were.

Steve Gram replied that they were 15-16 years old.

Bob Vittengl stated that we need something to keep these kids busy at this age.

Elizabeth Lanfear suggested talking to kids that age to ask what they would be interested in doing.

Steve Gram discussed the current programs and groups using the park. He stated that varsity, jv and both modified softball teams were playing as well as modified and jv baseball. From t-ball to majors, he said we have both SGF Girls Softball and Cal Ripken baseball using the fields. He stated that Rich McCabe, the Fort Ann athletic director had requested to use fields for their varsity baseball and softball, as their fields were under water.

Keith Kreppein asked how much they paid.

Steve Gram stated that they paid \$75 for use of the legion field for the baseball game and \$50 for the softball game at the quad.

Steve Gram stated that for upcoming events, there will be the Mike Nolan Court dedication and a wellness walk.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked what happened the day before. There was an autism walk that the Rec Commission was never told about.

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Steve Gram stated that it was not really scheduled by him. He also stated that they used a pavilion and had a couple hundred people there as well as a bounce house. He stated that yesterday, with regards to the quad fields, they got sprinklers are all done and two of the fields have been done with the sod.

Steve Gram stated that they would be done in two weeks. He stated that there were games playing on them already. He explained that the school had told him of a game, but it turned out to be four games.

Discussion about game scheduling.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked when the other two fields will be done with sod.

Steve Gram said in two weeks.

Garth Baker asked what was going on with the legion team and if things were all set.

Steve Gram stated that they were. He said they are going to do community service, painting some buildings.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if they already had a signed contract with the Town.

Steve Gram said they did and that any future contracts were up to the Town Board.

Elizabeth Lanfear summarized the situation for Councilwoman LeClair.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that

Steve Gram stated that Supervisor Jenkins was of the opinion that since the team has been around for forty years and helped build the building, they're part of the community and he did not want to change that.

Garth Baker recognized Loretta Salazar from the Calico Dancers Pow Wow.

Loretta Salazar acknowledged that she had been part of the Rec Commission for years. She thanked the Rec Commission for the letter she received about offering a program on teaching Native American dancing. She said that it was not so clear to understand on the phone. She spoke with her son and he was wondering what the Rec Commission was looking for. She said he gets about \$400 for a session. She said it would take a lot of preparation for a program like this. Was it a one-time presentation or a series? Would it be for adults or children? If so, February would be a good time to do it, especially for children on school vacation. Adults could have an evening program. Is there enough of an interest to do all the preparation? The Calico Dancers do Southwestern dancing rather than New England type dancing. She asked if we could find out about the interest and see if there might be 25 or so people willing to sign up. They could shoot for something after the holidays. She stated that that the Pow Wow would be back at the Rec Park during the Fourth of July weekend, and that people would be heading home on Monday. She stated that they would be meeting with Gina and the group from the Fun Days to discuss what they could do there.

Garth Baker stated that the Rec Commission will be looking into doing a five year plan and the idea had come up to perhaps use some of the new property to make a place for the Pow Wow and Boy Scouts.

Discussion about possible locations and size of area needed. Water and power are a necessity.

Loretta Salazar stated that they have been very happy with the current location and that many people have commented on the setting and how nice it is to have trees around rather than ball fields. She said that the bathrooms and port-a-johns leave much to be desired. She stated that the bathrooms were so disgusting that they taped them off so they wouldn't be used.

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Elizabeth Lanfear suggested Morning Star Septic, as she had been at a function where there was a Morning Star port-a-potty and it was amazingly clean.

Loretta Salazar praised the work of Steve and the Rec staff and stated that Jeremy does a great job.

Garth Baker stated that the subject of updating the program flyer had been discussed by the Rec Commission and that he hoped to keep the paper copies to a minimum and direct people to the website so they could print their own.

Elizabeth Lanfear suggested only copying the front program information and not putting the sign up part of the back. She asked about the copying costs.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Town pays roughly \$.01 per page, but if it was double sided, it would be \$.02.

Garth Baker said we couldn't go completely to the to the web page.

Bob Vittengl stated that we would have to wean people off the paper copy. Perhaps we could print a couple hundred that were printed on both sides.

Garth Baker passed around a copy and asked if people to take a look at it to see if it was alright to move ahead.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked everyone to look for mistakes that needed to be corrected, especially since there was no spell check on that program.

Garth Baker asked how things were going for the Mike Nolan dedication.

Keith Kreppein stated that they went with an automotive finish. He said it was more expensive, but allows for greater longevity of the product. He said he has spoken to Steve Friday and Monday and was planning to pour concrete the next day. He was using 10" tubes. He asked for one pressure treated 4'X4" that was 10' long. He said things should be dry by Thursday and planned to put the sign in Friday afternoon, so it didn't get too much exposure. He stated that the weather looked ugly for the week.

Andy Laing stated that he had drop cloths if Keith wanted to cover it.

Keith Kreppein stated that he has a 10' pop up tent they can work under, if needed. He asked what was going on with plantings.

Gina LeClair stated that she had been working on it and she'd like the opinion of the Rec Commission and didn't care what the Commission chose. She mentioned junipers and bushes that would go along the fence in the front.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked what kind of fence was going in and where.

Steve Gram stated that was a split rail going along the front so people couldn't drive past the sidewalk. There was a lengthy discussion about landscaping.

Bob Vittengl suggested going to Lowe's to purchase hosta or some evergreens. He said to maybe get six pieces up to \$40 per piece.

Elizabeth Lanfear suggested that rather spending a couple of hundred dollars at Lowes, what about the idea of getting potted plants from Rich Morris at Toad Flax just to make it look nice for the presentation. She stated that she would contact Rich to see what could be done on loan.

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Andy Laing stated that there should be some stone and mulch along with the potted plants, since some things won't last long alongside a basketball court.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked how far off the ground the sign was, so she knew what size plants to get.

Keith Kreppein said about a foot.

Steve Gram stated that code says the sign has to be 3' off the ground and that he had said that before.

Keith Kreppein the picture of the sign has been out for about 5 months.

Steve Gram stated that was the reason Keith Kreppein was going to call Joe Patricke.

Eliabeth Lanfear asked if Joe Patricke had seen the picture.

Steve Gram stated that he had.

Keith Kreppein said that the total sign was four feet tall. He asked how that could be misconstrued as being three feet off the ground. If that was the case, the sign would have to be forty feet wide.

Discussion about the size of the sign and town code.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the Town Hall wasn't up to code and the Town can't fine itself.

Keith Kreppein stated that he would speak with Joe Patricke tomorrow.

Gina LeClair suggested putting it up on a flower box.

Keith Kreppein suggested getting landscaping blocks.

Discussion about what would be needed for a planting box.

Garth Baker asked about exhibition games.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the girls and boys teams had conflicts and that she was reaching out to Bill Hart to get an adult game.

Garth Baker asked who would emcee the dedication and that Keith Kreppein was going to talk to Councilman Kusnierz.

Keith Kreppein said that he did and that it seemed that Councilman Kusnierz felt that it should be Supervisor Jenkins position to delegate that.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that both Supervisor Jenkins and Councilman Kusnierz would both be at the dedication. She asked if someone from the Rec Commission wanted to emcee. She would e-mail Councilman Kusinerz and Supervisor Jenkins to get specifics as to who would do what.

Garth Baker stated that he would send out the newsletter from the website. He stated that there are 52 e-mails on the notifications list. Some are the Post Star and other media outlets.

Bob Vittengl suggested having more about the website on the soccer flyer to direct people to website to sign up for things.

Steve Gram asked about clarifying the section about the divisions for 5th and 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade.

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Elizabeth Lanfear showed Councilwoman LeClair the flyer.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that "whatever you guys are happy with, I'm happy with."

Discussion about the flyer and access to the website.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that in comparison, Keith can get e-mail on his phone, where she has dial-up and can only get e-mail if she plugs the phone line into her computer, or goes to her brother's house. At the same time people like her mother and Mrs. Salazar do not have computers at home. She stated that there are a variety of people in this day and age who have different comfort zones with regards to computers and technology. "The name of the game is getting the information out there."

Garth Baker stated that if we could get half the people to the website, he'd be happy.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that she would call the schools tomorrow to get updated numbers for copying purposes. She asked where the flyers were copied.

Steve Gram stated that he copied them at the town hall.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if Steve Gram wanted her to drop off the flyer to him, or rather to the Town Hall to have them make the copies.

Steve Gram stated that he would love for her to drop them at the Town Hall.

Discussion about how the flyers were passed out at the schools.

Keith Kreppein asked if he could get stone at the court for the sign.

Discussion about approaching Saratoga Masonry for a donation.

Keith Kreppein gave Steve Gram the phone number for Saratoga Masonry as well as the specs for what they wanted to build.

Steve Gram stated that Louie DeRidder was great this past weekend. He stated that things wouldn't have gotten done without him. He stated that they borrowed a machine from the Town, but they didn't get a dump truck. Once Louie came, things went really quickly.

Garth Baker stated that we had talked about slimming down the new program booklet at the workshop and putting some things online.

Elizabeth Lanfear said that some sections that could be put online rather than in the booklet were things like the staff and the history of the town.

Garth Baker asked if Steve was slimming it down.

Steve Gram stated that he could finish it up tomorrow, but one of the issues is that people were not getting back to him.

Garth Baker stated that whatever was cut out, send it to him and he would create a new section on the website for that information.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that if it could be done a week from Tuesday, the Town Board would want to look at it, as they had had some comments on it before.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if prices and exact dates were going to be taken out to make it general enough to use for more than one year.

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Steve Gram stated again that he would have it done tomorrow. Then again, they might be busy tomorrow.

Garth Baker asked for an update on the beach.

Steve Gram Stated that the whole thing was under water on Friday, but that it had receded on Sunday. He said that the playground equipment was approved and the Town is working on a contract now.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked who was installing it.

Steve Gram stated that the company is.

Bob Vittengl asked if the old piece of equipment had to come out.

Steve Gram answered yes, since it was unsafe.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if they could scrap the metal.

Steve Gram said they would, but the wood has to go.

Bob Vittengl asked about the big swing sets and perhaps getting new seats for them.

Steve Gram said it was possible.

Bob Vittengl said that there was one tree that may have to be dealt with.

Garth Baker asked if there was any other old business.

Bob Vittengl brought up the maintenance building.

Garth Baker stated that one of the questions that had been brought up was the availability of funds.

Bob Vittengl asked if he should look into getting things moving again.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if Steve could get the information for the next Rec Commission meeting.

Bob Vittengl stated that he would look into it as well.

Discussion about traffic flow through the park to the Quad area.

Steve Gram stated that there was a total of \$148,415 in the HP account that the playground came out of. That was the only account with money in it, since everything was cut in the budget.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked what else that money could be used for.

Bob Vittengl stated that was only for capital projects, but there was a lot of new construction going on in town. As more subdivisions go in, there are more funds.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that someone on the town board had mentioned changing where the builders' fees go.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that Martin Affredou was looking in to rewriting the reserve fund wording so that someday funds could go there. She said that the current wording is specific to usage at the Harry J. Betar Park. She stated that Councilman Prendergast had suggested using some of those reserve funds for maintenance in order to keep taxes down. She said it cannot currently be used for a bike path to the riverfront park.

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Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the bylaws stated that the Rec Commission was to oversee all recreational activities in the Town, not just at the Rec Park, so it would make sense that the funds were used that way as well.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that Jim Martin from the LA Group asked why we didn't have something for the whole town.

Bob Vittengl stated that he was at the Betar Byway in the village and it gets great use.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she was speaking with Jim Martin from the LA group and they were talking about a bike trail.

Bob Vittengl stated that the Saratoga county bike trail is coming up. We should look at connecting the trails, so we could essentially have a bike trail from Clifton Park to Lake George.

Bike trail discussion.

Bob Vittengl stated that with Global Foundries coming in are looking for recreation. He stated that the realtors are saying that Moreau is on the preferred list of where to live.

Gina LeClair stated that they walked the riverfront with the LA Group. They have a Conservation Committee and a group of 13 that is the Park Planning Committee. They are meeting at 6:30pm on May 11th at the Industrial Park. The meeting will be cancelled if there is rain.

Elizabeth Lanfear questioned why the Rec Commission was not involved with the planning of the park.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that the grant required that we have a separate group that was not already established committee with the town. It had to be made up of residents.

Garth Baker stated that we have to do a walk through at the rec park to include some of the newly purchased land.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that they have ordered maps and that they are coming. Perhaps the Rec Commission would like to wait until we have the maps.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked when the maps were expected.

Councilwoman LeClair said they should have been in by now, but they are not in yet.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that if nothing else, we could schedule a walk through at the next Rec Commission meeting. If the maps arrive soon, she could contact the Rec Commission to see if people were available.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that the Conservation Committee meets the second Wednesday of the month.

Garth Baker stated that we can't do much with a five year plan until we get a look at what we have.

Bob Vittengl stated that we could look at the last ten or so years and map the growth. Then, look at how the Town is growing.

Keith Kreppein asked how many building permits have currently been issued.

Bob Vittengl stated around 1300.

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Discussion about five year plan and general use of the park.

Andy Laing stated that this isn't something that you just throw some numbers at. You need some help, that's why planners and consultants are paid to do. We have to come up with what we need in a plan.

Garth Baker stated that we as a Rec Commission are not even a good sample of the demographics in the Town and that we need to be information gatherers. We even need to look at the changes in the sports that people play.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that for the June meeting, the Commission members could talk to people they know and see what people would want at the park across the demographics.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that you need an inventory of all the places within the Town to see what areas can be use for recreation, including the dockage space off Old Bend Road that Supervisor Jenkins is looking at.

Bob Vittengl stated that the state seems to have the money to connect the canal bikeway from Plattsburg to Albany.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that having a bike trail through the town would be a great way for us to advertise our local businesses that are right off the trail. We could create a flyer that businesses could advertise in.

Discussion about bike trails.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked if there is a gardening club in town.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that there is not at this time.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that we should look at having some free programs in our offerings, and something like a gardening club could be one of them.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she had had a hard time getting something going, but she would love to have it.

Bob Vittengl stated that Manchester has a vegetable gardening club as part of their summer program where the kids grow vegetables that are harvested for consumption in the schools.

Garth Baker asked the Commission members to get their ideas together for a five year plan.

Motion was made by Andy Laing and seconded by Bob Vittengl to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm.

Baker -	Yes
Lanfear -	Yes
Vittengl -	Yes
Krepplein -	Yes
Laing -	Yes