

Town of Becket Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2023

Present: Rita Furlong, Shirley Vachula and Maddy Elovirta

Absent: David Weiler

Chair Rita Furlong called the meeting to order at 9:15AM in the Becket Room of the Becket Town Hall.

Minutes of April 18, 2023 were discussed. One correction was voted on and then the minutes were accepted.

Budget: \$11,371.55 was currently in the account.

Evaluate summer programs: The life guards worked very well. The park program enrollment was down this year, with 12-15 kids using the parks program. Swimming lessons attendance was also down. Only 6-7 people took the opportunity to learn to swim. Gate attendants were on the whole, functioning.

Signs for the beach were discussed. It was suggested that the signs need to be raised up so that cars in the parking lot do not block them.

Color for the buildings at the park and the beach will be Green Agate. Kathe is working with the Sheriff's department to get the work done. A white ceiling was discussed for the Becket Center Park Pavilion. Will discuss with town administrator.

The tennis court work is done. New signs are up as well.

Kayak structure for the beach was discussed and it was voted to be tabled at this time.

There is a problem at the two parks with people using the parks to walk their dogs and leaving the dog poop behind, either in the gardens, the dugouts, or in plastic bags around the property. Signage will be researched.

The budget for the coming year was discussed. Salaries, mulch, supplies for programs, paint for the buildings and maybe a new bench was discussed. The area around the pavilion at the Becket Center Park needs to have some loam added and seeded to make it easier for people to walk.

The town report article for the committee was discussed. All wanted to be sure that the volunteers that have worked with us this past year be entered into the article and thanked for their time and help.

The dugouts at the Becket Center Park need attention. Prices will be asked for, hopefully with the work being done before summer of 2024.

Election of officers for the coming year are Rita Furlong, chair and Maddy Elovirta, clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddy Elovirta, Clerk