

# Recreation and Parks Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025

## Attendance:

- Zoom: Aaron, Carolyn, Danielle
- In Person: Tim Allard and Tim Armstrong
- Missing: Bob
- Also Present: Todd Goodwin, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:05 am

2. Comments: Public Comments not related to agenda items

- none

3. Agenda: Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- none

4. Minutes: Accept & Approve Minutes from- January 2025

- Tim Allard moved to accept, Tim Armstrong moved to second
- No changes, additions, or deletions – minutes accepted and approved

5. Committee Agenda Items:

- Committee Member Update
  - Cindy resigned
  - 2 applicants to be interviewed by the select board
- Town Report Update
  - Todd submitted the new design and hasn't heard anything yet, it should be included in the budget report being sent out to residents
- Late Fees added to the Facility Use Policy
  - Due to a group not paying their fees on time, they ended up paying the difference of what the organization was owed for a summer camp offered by them
  - Other towns make other organizations pay upfront if they had problems paying in the past (permit not released until payment made)
- Updates:
  - Recreation & Parks Master Plan
    - 80K, focuses on outdoor facilities/recreation and what people want since the community has already indicated that they want an indoor facility
  - Picnic Pavilion at Village Community Park
    - Got approved for 110K
    - Public Works is doing site work, Whitcomb is doing the concrete, and Pettinelli & Assoc is building the pavilion
    - 30x40 pavilion off the bathrooms facing the fields
    - Purchasing four additional picnic tables to complement the existing four may add some additional grills, too
    - Will be available for rental
  - Fundraising Campaigns:

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- Kitchenette
  - Seeking \$10k for construction and equipment
  - Started fundraising campaign for monetary and product donations as well as money from businesses, got an industrial toaster and a \$400 donation, printing company is going to talk to local Williston businesses to get the money
- Traffic Garden
  - Approaching group to get final decision since we need to get on the paving schedule
  - Will hold off until next year if no donations
- Reports:
  - Catamount Community Forest Update
    - Danielle asked us to fill out the survey about the potential building they're considering
    - Public meeting next week about the building
    - Working on a governance memo
- Other: none

6. Director's Report (see attached)

7. Next Meeting: Scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn at 7:53

- Motion to adjourn: Aaron, Carolyn 2nd

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## Director's Report

### February 2025

#### A. Programs

- a. Youth Programs:
  - i. Basketball Programs:
    - 1. The programs end on Saturday, February 15
    - 2. Williston is hosting the CVRA 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball Tournament on Feb 14 & 15
  - ii. Ski/Ride Program:
    - 1. The program ends on March 5
    - 2. End of the Season trip will be March 7 to Smugglers Ski Resort
  - iii. Lacrosse Programs:
    - 1. Registration Opened Feb 3 for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Programs start indoors the week of March 31
  - iv. Other Programs:
    - 1. Ninja Science program to be offered by ONTA Studio during Feb. School Break
    - 2. Drivers Ed program starts Feb 20
    - 3. Safe Sitters Babysitters Course to be offered Feb 27, during school break. This is an extra program offering for wait list from the other programs.
  - v. Day & Enrichment Camps:
    - 1. Camp Guide Mailed to Williston Homes the week of Jan. 27
    - 2. Camp Grid and Camp Descriptions on the website went live Feb 3
    - 3. Resident Registration Opens Feb 10 at 8:00a for all camps
- b. Adult Programs:
  - i. Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Adult Volleyball,
  - ii. Indoor Pickleball
- c. Active Agers:
  - i. Senior Meals
- d. REC Zone- Ongoing Programs:
- e. Jazzercise, Tai Chi, Senior Fitness, Bone Builders, Accessible Yoga, and Yoga Flow
- f. Family Programs:
  - i. Table Tennis
- g. Special Events:
  - i. None
- h. January Program Revenue- \$9,250

#### B. Facilities

- a. All Facilities and amenities are closed for the season
- b. The Ice Rink has been open since the beginning of January. Good year for ice.
- c. The Community Garden- working on raised garden beds- 4 to be put in this Spring.
  - i. Eagle Scout Project- Talking with them about doing raised beds off the ground for wheelchair access

#### C. Administration

- a. Spring/Summer Program Guide at the printers. Mail to Williston homes mid-February.
- b.