

**Shelburne Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

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**Members Present:** Ann Clark, Peggy Coutu, Renee Davitt, LynnAnn Prom, Susan McLellan and Marv Thomas

**Staff Present:** Betsy Cieplicki

**Public Present:** None

**Called to order at 6:12pm**

**Approval of Minutes April 5, 2016:** Motion to accept the minutes as written by Ann, seconded by Susan, passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Recreation Committee Comments:**

- Ann commented that there were many people at the beach last Friday (5/20).
- Briefly discussed parking issue by Dog Park, new ordinance, and parking lot.
- Members complained about piles of poop bags left in the Bay Park parking lot and the lack of respect by dog owners who leave them.

**Director's Report:** Please see report attached below.

- We were happy with the greater turnout of kids participating in the Champlain Classic race this year, and pleased to make a profit despite our overall low participation numbers.
- Renee suggested getting a large flat stone to improve the area in front of the gazebo stair entrance that is always muddy. She has a friend who is a landscaper and offered to ask him for a donation. Betsy will talk with Paul Goodrich first, to see if the Town Highway Dept. has something in their rock pile that may work. Need approx. a 3' x 3' stone.
- Dock Doctors will be on site soon to prepare the lift and ramp for the summer season. We look forward to using it this year and will leave it in the "down" position during the summer season, which will lower its profile as well.
- Lynn Ann asked about improving the volleyball courts, including edging and adding sand. We agree it is needed and on the long list of improvements we plan to work on, but it is a lower priority than some other items right now.

**Update on beach tree plan and Tree Advisory Committee Work –**

- Betsy explained the progress the Committee has made including receiving the state Grant for funding to plant 2-3 new trees at the beach this year. Betsy summarized the on site meeting between members of the two

committees to review trees that will be removed and locations and concerns for new plantings.

- Betsy has been coordinating with the Tree Advisory Committee on a Memorial Tree Donation that will go at Davis Park this

### **Budget Status Update -**

- The budget status was reviewed and Betsy answered questions and explained why some programs were above or below predictions and how it works.

### **Special Event Planning**

- Back to the Beach is June 14. Volunteers should be there at 5 (event is 6-8pm.) The Dutch Mill is planning to cater again and there will be an obstacle course bouncy this year.
- Betsy and Peggy met with Tre at Shelburne Farms to discuss details for the upcoming Summer Concert Series. Discussion was held on concession sales and plastic water bottles. The Committee will offer free water in our large jugs at the concert. We are considering ordering custom reusable bottles to sell and Betsy will research costs and options.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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## **Shelburne Parks and Recreation Director's Report May 23, 2016**

### **Champlain Classic recap:**

- Participants: kids 1K-19, 5K- 79, 10K- 54 (only 120 runners showed up out of 133 for the 5k/10k)
- Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, the event ran smoothly and we were happy with the upgraded shoe chip timing system. The weather wasn't fantastic though, which may have hurt our race day registrations. Overall participation was down again, but there are several other races and events the same weekend. We made a profit of \$573 to put towards parks/trail projects or special events.

### **Current Program update:**

- Youth Golf - 15
- Adult Golf - 7
- GPS Jr. Soccer - 16
- Basic Dog Obedience - 16
- Travelogue: Ukraine - 17

**Upcoming June Programs:**

- Boater Safety
- Triathlon Camp
- Rocket Science Camp
- Hovercraft and Quadcopter Camp
- Discovering Drama Camp
- Tennis Lessons

**Beach updates:**

- We are waiting for GMP to take down the Power lines at the beach so the 2 trees can be removed. I've gotten 3 quotes for the work and looks like we will be able to get it done within the budget I set aside for this (approx. \$1,000).
- The Tree Advisory Committee was awarded the Tree Grant from the State and will use the funds to plant 2-3 trees at Shelburne Beach this year.
- In addition, we expect another Memorial Tree to be planted at the Beach through the Tree Committee's program.
- Darwin is continuing to work on the ceiling and lighting improvements at the beach bathrooms.
- A new grill will be installed in June as well.
- Renee and Peggy spent some time on the Judy Puck Memorial Garden this week and "prettied" things up! Thanks Renee and Peggy!

**Davis Park Updates:**

- Pickleball Lines will be added to 3 more courts in June
- A tree will be planted in early June in honor of the Women's CVU Tennis coaches (donated through Tree Committee Memorial program)

**Office Update:**

- Matt Maynard is interning in our office this spring to complete credits for his Sport Management degree at Colby Sawyer College. Matt is working hard to finish most of his required 120 hours of work before the beach opens, since he is also one of our lifeguards.