

1 Stowe Recreation Commission Meeting
2 Wednesday, June 7, 1017- Ice Arena Meeting Room
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4 The regular meeting of the Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, June 7, 2017 starting at 5:00
5 P.M. with Brett Loomis, Walt Levering, Terrie Wehse, Rick Swanson, Adam Rice, Lynn Altadonna and
6 Michael Loughran present. Also present: Matt Frazee, Leo Clark and Randy Hoder, President of the
7 Stowe Youth Soccer Club.
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9 The **agenda** was voted on and approved. –
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11 **May 10, 2017:** Mr. Loughran , a member of the Task Force looking into the possibility of switching
12 fields at the Mayo Farm stated they are having informal meetings but had nothing concrete to report,
13 but expects to have some information for the next meeting. Brett suggested possibly developing an
14 alternative plan (Plan B) in case the one being developed does not work.
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16 Polo Field Parking: Matt said there is a low grassy area at the polo field where people attempt to park
17 and turn around. The area fills with water and mud. He offered two solutions said the work would be
18 done in house i.e. Highway and Parks Departments which would create an additional 20-30 parking
19 spaces. The area is unsightly and staff have received comments regarding the situation. (A) remove the
20 sod and expand the parking lot with hard gravel. This option would have to follow the Mayo Farm
21 Development process as outlined in the Management Plan. It would also require a recommendation
22 from the Conservation Commission, approval from the Selectboard and DRB. After discussion, Rick
23 moved to recommend option A thru the approval process. After additional discussion, Rick withdrew his
24 motion and then moved to recommend option A thru the approval process as presented in the June 7,
25 2017 agenda. Terrie seconded the motion with all in favor.
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27 **Moscow Field Management Plan Discussion.** Members had copies of a draft dated 3/15/17 for review.
28 Matt stated the need for plowing/parking in the winter has not been requested, and it has appears not
29 to have a need to do so. Conservation Easement states where development can take place. In the spring
30 of 2013 an approximately 60' wide by 200' long section of the river bank and riparian area was eroded
31 in the Little River. A vegetated riparian area along the shoreline existed but was completely eliminated
32 on the eastern portion where the river bank was eroded. Because of this, the property can no longer
33 support two baseball fields or a regulation soccer field. The field is presently used for small events.
34 Suggestions for the use were a fire pit; picnic tables; small events; parking etc. Lynn stated that there
35 are several tables at Thompson Park and often not many are being used so perhaps some could go to
36 Moscow. Barbara said that often the tables are donated specifically to be used in a certain location. Rick
37 suggested there may be people out there that may wish to donate a table to the area. Area could be
38 used for community gardens. Rick moved to maintain the field in a mowed status for athletics (picnics,
39 cook outs, private rentals; rentals) and seek donations for picnic tables and or grills; establish a 30'
40 riparian area along the bank of the river; maintain plowing in winter for use and ; keep option open for
41 community garden. Adam seconded the motion with all in favor.
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43 Lynn said it would make it easier to enter and cross the bridge from the parking lot to the Quiet Path if
44 there was some fill put in the area so that it is not as steep. Matt said he will look into it.

1 Randy Hoder, President of the Stowe Soccer Club had sent a memo dated 6/7/17 requesting the
2 Commission form a plan for the successful construction of a shelter at the Polo Field, one that could be
3 transported to a new location if need be. ??? was present and explained the necessity and urgency of
4 a shelter. She felt it wasn't presented correctly at town meeting and that is a reason the approval was
5 voted down. Brett said it went through the process and it was voted down and did not see what the
6 Commission could do to make it happen. Matt felt the Commission has to look at the larger picture,
7 especially if there is a field swap and did not see spending \$150,000 to build a moveable structure. Walt
8 said if want to continue to have large groups etc using the fields we need a shelter. Brett said a really
9 good place to have had this start was for those with interest to go to the Selectboard and Town Meeting
10 and that didn't happen. ??? said there were people who didn't know what was going on and didn't
11 understand the process. Brett asked if some form of temporary structure, i.e. a tent that could be taken
12 down would work. **tape 1 side 2** Adam said there are fields far and wide which do not have structures
13 and said when we have addressed all of our other recreational needs in this town, then that will be the
14 time to start discussing a structure. Brett said two years ago we met with the soccer group and made
15 some plans and it didn't happen. It was clear when it is figured out where the fields will be that
16 Commission wants a structure.

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18 Rick moved to approve the **minutes of May 10, 2017**, seconded by Brett with all in favor.

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20 The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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