

1 Recreation Commission Meeting

2 Wednesday, November 7, 2018- Ice Arena

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3 The regular meeting of the Stowe Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, November 7, 2018 in  
4 the meeting room at the arena starting at 5:00 P.M.

5 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Brett Loomis, Adam Rice and Mike Loughran. Absent: Ben  
6 Novogroski and two vacancies. Also in the audience was Mary Skelton.

7 **The agenda was approved.**

8 **Minutes of 10- 10-2018:** Lynn moved to approve as written, seconded by seconded by Adam with all in  
9 favor.

10 **Rec Path Signage Discussion:** A letter dated 9/4/2018 was referred from Ms Skelton suggesting better  
11 signage on the Rec Path. She said the present signs are small and cannot be seen by bikers, bikers are  
12 sometimes silent when approaching from the rear, etc and she suggested signs with larger print, more  
13 bold and locating more effective signs along the path including the parking areas. She stated that it is a  
14 very dangerous situation as it is now. She said the request for possibly 20-25 signs could be put in the  
15 budget for next year. Matt said the cost of replacing the signs by redesigning and making larger with  
16 18"x 24" would be approx. \$1300 (for signs). Discussion followed with several suggestions, i.e. making  
17 them brighter at the top; putting an addendum on the bottom of the existing signs. It was agreed Matt  
18 will return to the Commission next meeting with options which will include suggestions from this  
19 meeting. Matt will reach out to the Stowe Mountain Bike Club for suggestions.

20 **Late Pick –up Discussion:** Matt said there are times participants from the Afterschool, Kids Night Out  
21 and Summer Camp programs are required to stay after pick up time and continually they have notified  
22 and informed parents but without a penalty, there is no way to enforce timely pick-ups. Late pick-ups  
23 require paying staff additional over time. Emily Boek, Program Director contacted several other Rec  
24 Departments and found that most have late pickup fees in place. Most charge an initial late fee once 5-  
25 10 mins late of \$5-10 and then charge fees for each additional minute late of \$1-5 per minute. Matt said  
26 they want to keep the cost low but want to send a message. Matt proposing after 5 min assess a \$5 fee  
27 and after that \$1 for each additional minute. Members had different suggestions and Matt felt it could  
28 be done as a procedure. **tape 1 side 2** It was agreed that exceptions could be made. Members  
29 supported the concept of the procedure and Matt will work with Scott to finalize the written procedure  
30 and bring back to the Commission the next meeting.

31 **Mayo Event Fields:** Matt told members that Brett got him set up with a proposal with True Green for  
32 fertilization program which he has discussed with Bruce. Have met with UVM extension and Lee Keller  
33 and discussed best practices. Matt said the fields are what they are and the uses are what they are so  
34 the question is what can be done to keep the fields in the best condition understanding existing  
35 parameters. Soil tests have been done and waiting on the results. Matt said he will reach out to Lee  
36 Keller along with Bruce and Brett to have a meeting and try and come up with some of the best  
37 solutions based on what Bruce has been doing right along. This will be on the agenda next month. Brett  
38 asked if anything is done, how does it affect this year's budget? Matt said there will be an opportunity to  
39 put something in the budget to propose this which can be modified, depending what the proposal is.

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Matt discussed staffing saying they continue to evaluate operating costs, possibly adjust operating hours at the Arena during the summer which would allow for the person from the Arena to go to Parks, possibly have one person working at the Mayo Fields and the Community Gardens etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Allaire