

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021  
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2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at the Stowe Arena Community Room starting at 5:02 P.M.

3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Dave Rogers, Ed Sthal, Art Shinnars, Adam Rice, Ryan Thibault, Matt Frazee. Absent: Brett Loomis. In audience: Eilijah Sadigurski

4 **5:02pm called to order. Agenda Approved.**

5 **8.11 minutes approved.**

6 **Skate/Bike Park**

7 Ryan talked about asphalt pump tracks and showed a video. They are multiuse for skateboards and bikes, less expensive and more inclusive than concrete skate parks, less maintenance. Ryan stated the previous dirt track was too far away from the center of town and that location is key. Elijah has been participating with the Morrisville Skatepark Committee exploring the concept of having a skatepark built in Morrisville and they are looking for a suitable location. He said the pump track would be great and he would love to see it done in conjunction with a skatepark the size of a basketball court at the same location. Matt explained that Stowe previously explored a skatepark but a viable location was never determined. The Rec Comm asked Eilijah to keep us informed on Morrisville's progress and indicated the pump track and skatepark would be worth considering further if a location was determined.

8 **Parks and Recreation Priorities**

9 Matt summarized the overall priorities that the Rec Comm has indicated over the last several meetings including study and revise the Memorial Park Master Plan to include new reconciling storm water treatment requirements and drainage, tennis/pickleball/basketball courts as phase one, redesign access roads and parking, new rec center 5000+ sq ft, and also to include a pump track and or skateboard park if possible. Other priorities noted for next 10 years are addressing the Cape Cod/Rt108 Rec Path crossing, and field improvements and potential new fields when the Mayo Farm Easement expires in 2028. Lynn brought up that he would also like to Town to consider a community center which would be large enough for theater events, Town meeting, concerts, and other indoor large events. He suggested looking into the possibility of exploring the Swimming Hole to be expanded. Art said rec path expansion and connecting trails should also continue to be explored.

10 Adam motioned to confirm priorities to finalize for Selectboard consideration and recommend staff submit a capital request to contract with consultants to update the Memorial Park Master Plan. Art seconded all in favor.

11 **Other Business**

**6:13 Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Frazee