

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
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2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Stowe Arena starting at 5:00 P.M.

3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Ryan Thibault, Brett Loomis, Jared Anello, Forrest Shinnars, Dave Rogers, Matt Frazee. Absent: Audience: Harry Sheppard, Shap Smith, Julie Roy, Mark Roy.

4 **5:00pm called to order.**

5 **LA motioned to approve the minutes BL second**

6 **Recognition of the Roys**

7 The Recreation Commission recognized and thanked Mark and Julie Roy for operating the Arena concessions for 23 years. Forrest presented the Roys with a plaque and a gift certificate to Harrison's Restaurant. All expressed appreciation and wished them well.

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9 **Memorial Park Study update**

10 Harry presented an update on the progress of the study. Harry and Matt participated in a kickoff meeting with Black River Design team. Provided background and discussed challenges and program goals. Discussed need for integration with the school and their capital committee for school projects as they are also currently engage with BRD. Harry informed of new wetland delineation map from DEC which is larger footprint than previously understood. It will be included in Managers Report at April 10 Selectboard meeting. Lynn asked by who and when-fall by sub consultants. Harry said mitigation measure will be required. Brett – does it negatively impact project? Harry- too soon to say, may have to work toward compromised settlement with DEC. Brett – should or can more aggressive addressing of beavers be taken? Harry – aggressive management not likely to be allowed. Harry said new drainage outlets will be explored to improve drainage from property. Jared- when will BRD involve RC? Concerned it will be too far down the road in process. Harry – Likely May or June. Will engage when there is substance to share and when it is practical. Brett-want to make sure RC has opportunity to contribute to the process. Forrest-asked Shap to share pickleball's interest. Shap-very interested in seeing new courts developed and also existing court remain playable in the meantime.

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12 **Quiet Path Grooming**

13 George Jackman of Stowe Nordic expressed they are willing to groom the Quiet Path and asks if there are any objections or concerns if that were to occur. Ryan said he doesn't have an issue with it but questioned if the skiing quality would be good with all of the walking traffic. Someone else mentioned that it is very actively used by both walkers and many dog walkers. Brett suggested grooming around the Polo Field. Matt said parking would be questionable during the winter at Polo but he will pass along the concerns and suggestions. A proposal will have to go to the Conservation Commission and they will have to make a recommendation to the Selectboard.

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15 **Other business**

16 Ryan and Forrest reached out to group regarding the ice logo's and the SHS logo but they didn't have consensus on a final design yet. Brett said he prefers a large SHS logo at center and 4 small SYH logo's.

Ryan said he will get a design out to the group and bring it back to RC.

- 17 Stowe Pickleball sent a letter about fundraising and collaboration with the Town. Shap said the most important thing to the group is the courts are maintained so that they remain playable until new courts are available. Matt said the Town paid for court repairs last year to seal cracks and paint new lines that are estimated to keep courts in use for upto 5 more years but they are assessed each spring. Matt will contact Stowe Pickleball to ask them if they have anything to be added for a future agenda item.

6:41p Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Frazee