

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

5:15 pm, WSCR

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), Landon Fake, Maureen Gordon, Casey Heard, Jim Heard, Emily McDevitt, David Olivas, Brian Robinson, Geoff Scott, Jessie Tobias. **Excused:** Beth Ward.

Ray opened the meeting at 5:19 pm.

Minutes: Casey moved to accept the October 15 minutes as amended (added last names for Molly Brosnan and Jana Halwick), David seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ragged Mountain Redevelopment: Landon reported that trail work is basically done, that the snowmaking equipment is almost ready, that the double-chair lift has been installed, and that power lines are completed. He added that the tower poles are all ready to go, but new tubes had to be installed in four cracked towers at a cost of \$25,000. The towers will be airlifted in place by helicopter before Thanksgiving at an estimated cost of \$60,000. The carpet lift will arrive tomorrow (Nov. 13) and will be installed right away, starting near the rise in the old tubing hill. Landon said that it looks like we're still on track for opening on Dec. 20.

National Toboggan Championships: No report.

Pathways: Geoff reported that the National Park Service is working with us now on reviewing the RTP Grant for the Seabright Dam section of the Camden Riverwalk. Still working on a master plan for "structures" along the Riverwalk.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Snow Bowl Operations: Landon reported that we have reached \$177,000 in season pass sales, which is about 80% of the budget target, and we already have \$1,450 in advance day ticket sales.

OLD BUSINESS

Sports Fields: Five-Town Football is still using the sports field, which is holding up well.

Tennis Courts: Karen Brace is surveying people in the local tennis community to see if there's interest in raising funds to help repair the courts.

Shirttail Point: Ray will remind Select Board of need to make improvements in coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan: Committee recommended that the Comp Plan address the need for an in-town park and playground, the idea of scenic corridors, and the issue of "connectivity" of Camden's various recreational assets.

Meeting Dates: Ray will contact Janice Esancy to see if the Committee could hold its monthly meetings on a different Wednesday than the second one of each month.

Upcoming Events: The Snow Bowl's Open House and Information Day will be Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; the Annual Ski Swap will take place Nov. 22-23 at the Camden Hills Regional High School; and the Ragged Mountain Ski Club Auction & Dinner will be held on Nov. 20 at the Waterfront Restaurant.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2014 at the Snow Bowl (following Business After Hours).

Emily moved that the meeting be adjourned, Brian seconded the motion, and it was approved 5-0 at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ray Andresen