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**Barre City Dog Park Committee
Minutes for
Wednesday, June 20, 2018
6:00 pm
Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N. Main Street)**

Present: **Jeff Cochran, Chair**
 Misty Shearer
 Nicolas Landry, City of Barre

- I. Call to Order – 6:06 pm
- II. Adjustments to the Agenda
No adjustments
- III. Treasurer's Report
No change to Treasurer's Report
- IV. Visitors and Communications
Heidi Burgoff Vihinen was our only visitor. Heidi stated that her husband had repaired the park gate
Jeff shared that he had received a picture from someone at the park of a man urinating in the bushes on the small dog side and a woman sunbathing, also on the small dog side. Neither had a dog with them.
Remains of a fire were found but not reported
Number of people and dogs using the park has dropped encouraging loitering
- V. Old Business

Shelter Project

- *Shelter construction to resume in July with a tentative completion by the end of July*
- *Jeff to check with the City to see about getting fill and grass seed once the shelter is complete*
- *It was suggested to have someone photograph the progress of the shelter as the contractors are working and post on Facebook as #BetterBarre in hopes to get people interested in coming back and using the Park*

Park Maintenance

- *Jeff to continue to mow and dispose of trash*

Fundraising

- *Misty set up a fundraising Paint Nite at the Quarry Restaurant to be held on Sunday, August 5 at 2pm*
- *Ideas to get the word out included posting on the Barre City Dog Park (which has been done) and on Front Porch Forum – both the Barre Town and Barre City editions and to post every few days so people have a chance to read about it*
- *Discussion about having a Grand Opening BBQ when the shelter is complete and having a donations jar to help with fundraising*
- *Having a photographer present for the Grand Opening of the shelter at the Park to take pictures was suggested. Also, posting those pictures on Facebook using the #BetterBarre*
- *Wish list of items for the Park to fundraise for include agility-type structures and a granite sign to mark the entrance of the Park*
 - *Suggestion for the granite sign was to contact the Barre Granite Museum and see if they had any large scrap granite that they would be willing to donate or give us a reduced price on*
 - *Nick to get Jeff the contact information for the business that engraved the granite name plates for the City Council*
 - *We will be posting a poll on the Barre City Dog Park Facebook page with a wish list of items to put fundraising dollars towards*

VI. New Business

1. New Member Recruitment Discussion

- *Nick sent Jeff the names of a couple of people who had indicated that they would be interested in serving on the committee. Jeff will get in touch with them.*
- *Nick mentioned that the committee meetings are posted as events on the Barre City page and pointed out that we can share them on the Barre City Dog Park page*

2. Park Entrance Ideas

- *Discussed getting a granite sign to show the entrance of the park. Suggestion was made to check with the Granite Museum and see if they have any large scrap piece of granite they would be willing to donate or sell for a reduced cost. Nick will get Jeff the contact information for the company that did the granite engraving for the City Council*
- *A clean up of the overgrown areas leading to the park entrance was suggested. City has told Jeff that they will help with leveling the path to the park to make it safer*
- *The picnic table on the small dog side needs to be removed/replaced. Jeff will remove it.*

3. Parvo

- *Discussion about a puppy at the Cause for Paws event that was later found to have Parvo. Puppy did not go into the Barre Town Dog Park so risk of infection is low*

VII. Roundtable

Nothing to report

VIII. Adjourn - 7:04pm