

**CITY OF BARRE
PARKS AND REC MEETING MINUTES**

Committee/board/task force: Parks and Rec

Date of meeting: January 22,2025

Location of meeting: Barre Social Club 105 N Main St, Barre Vt 05641

Members in attendance: Joshua Piascik, Hayley Pero, Cat Grant

Members absent: None

Others in attendance: Amanda Gustin

Topics Discussed:

-Microgrants: Councilor Amanda Gustin joined the meeting to discuss microgrant proposal. Tasked parks and rec to develop a process to review and recommend proposals to city council. We would like to start by July 1. Will be made available to community members who want to create an event in our community to help promote goodwill. Cat will draft grant. Create outreach. Think about timeline for review and recommendations. Come up with guidelines with clear messaging.

-Fundraising for Charlie's Playground: discuss the fundraiser held by barre dart club (under attack nerf company). We would like to build on this and refresh old equipment. New signs, section for porta potties. Get a sense of all users of facilities.

-Rain Garden: Found UVM manual. We need to determine location, size, etc. Involve students in community. Talk to town manager about spaces. Invite Garden Club to next meeting. Find place by next meeting.

-Rose Garden: Table for now.

-Map: Start concept. Joshua did a tour of parks in area to assess needs. No signs for locations.

-Activities in Aud/BOR: committee agreed we wouldn't have the manpower to run leagues but can investigate one-off's like tournaments and charity events. Look into collaboration for next meeting.

-Investigate donating skates for a loan program for open ice. Maintenance teams can build cubbies. Contact Thygesen Sports get their opinion.

-Other topics: Charlie's playground, no toilets. Build enclosures for porta potties. Skate Park not being used. Maybe make it into a dog park? Basketball courts not used-- investigate outdoor skating rinks and roller rinks. Repainting tennis courts to make dual tennis/pickleball. Next meeting, target dates for projects. Work backward. Beta club and NHS-invite to next meeting

Time:

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): February 19, 2025

Person filing minutes: Hayley Pero