

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm 11/25/19
Attendees: Liam Fracht-Monroe, Larry Courcelle, and Jesse Bridge

Item 1) Review of Budget Requests for FY 20-21:

- Liam presented the proposed budget requests for FY 20-21 and Larry and Jesse agreed we should submit as such:
 - Field Maintenance: \$540
 - Rec and BYC programs: \$3500
 - Buildings and Grounds: \$6,837 ***
 - Reserve Fund: \$5,000
- The discussion around the increase in the reserve fund provided a platform for the larger discussion of overall long-term needs of the park, including the replacement of the play structure at the end of its life.

Item 2) Review of VT League of Cities and Towns

- Jesse provided an update on the work that was requested by the VT League of Cities and Towns. This included a contract with the BYC for use of the fields. To date, she noted that all work that was requested as high priority had been completed with the exception of the pathway down to the play structure and future basketball court area. This was on the list for the roads dept to do.

Item 3) - Long Term Plan due to Selectboard

- Liam noted that in the last meeting with the Selectboard, they recommended we put forth a long-term plan for the park on S. Mendon Rd.
- The group agreed that they would like to keep the court as a ½ court, with a build date of spring 2020. Liam said he would re-bid the project. The group agreed that we should monitor use, and use of multiple ages at the same time, to see if an increased size would be warranted in the future, but that for initial build, ½ court should suffice and cost less to maintain.
- Re: the play structure, Liam mentioned that it now has less swings, etc due to the report and needs to comply with the VTLCT assessment. Chad and Liam removed some swings to allow for more space between features.
- Liam also noted that the group should be looking to replace the structure in the next 3-5 years with a more robust “commercial grade” structure. Liam said he would contact the Barstow school to determine what an average cost might be.
- Liam brought up the desire to help fund capital projects with grant money, but noted that the process of even determining the grants we should go after is a monumental task. He asked for any help in determining the right grants to apply for. Larry said he would be happy to help, and also noted that there were grants available via Walmart that we should look into. He said he would discuss with the local manager at Walmart and look online for resources in applying.
- Liam brought up that there were other options with KaBoom!, a national organization that helps with funding playgrounds. He said he would look into that option.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm