

**Hardwick Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
April 13, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Via Zoom

Members present: Jason Bahner, Holly Bolio, and Emily Varvir

Recreation Coordinator: Jason Bahner

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Holly motioned to approve the March 2021 Meeting Minutes. Jason seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor to approve, but absent members will still need to approve the vote.

**Discussion from Audience**

No audience was in attendance.

**Approval of March Budget**

Holly discussed concern over why the maintenance line of the budget increased by \$2. Jason will check with Casey Rowell, Business Manager, regarding the discrepancy. Holly motioned to approve the budget. Jason seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor to approve the budget, but the absent members will still need to approve the vote.

**Easter Wrap Up**

Jason reported securing materials to cordon off the different age groups for the hunt and suggested reposting the flyer on the Facebook page again before the weekend. Holly inquired how many volunteers had agreed to help with the hunt. Jason reported the Hazen Union Student Council had agreed to help, but he planned to double-check with them this week. Holly proposed an 8 am meet-up time at Hazen Union ball field on Saturday to prepare for the event. All in attendance agreed. Jason stated he plans to secure a megaphone to help with crowd direction before, during, and after the event.

**Green Up**

The committee discussed Green Up Day plans (scheduled for May 1). Jason reported securing bags and the Town Garage for the event through a discussion with Casey Rowell, Business Manager. The dumpster will be placed on the far end of the Town Garage space. Holly reminded the Committee that tires will be accepted during the event, although their acceptance will not be advertised. Additional discussions with Casey Rowell by Holly and Jason included

the need for different bins for specific types of waste, such as metal. Holly reported the delivery of the dumpster will be a cost incurred by the Committee, but that the dumpster will be supplied for free. Gloves, signage, and individuals to help throughout the event are needed. The Committee discussed working with House of Pizza in Hardwick to secure “free baby creemee” coupons for all kids who participate in the event. Jason motioned to invest \$75 towards tickets (leftover tickets will be saved and used in future years). Holly seconded the motion. The committee members in attendance voted to approve, but absent members will still need to cast their votes. The Committee discussed three shifts for the event (each with 2 members present): 9 am to 11 am, 11 am to 1 pm, and 1 pm to 3 pm. Holly suggested advertising for the event begin soon so the community could begin picking up their bags. Jason planned to speak to Hazen Union HS about using the lobby for the Green Up Day bag pick-up. Holly and Jason agreed to meet up to hand of signage from past years.

### **Remaining Budget Discussion**

The budget will be discussed at May 2021’s meeting due to the absence of the majority of Committee members.

### **Recreation Committee Policy**

Policy will be discussed at May 2021’s meeting due to the absence of the majority of Committee members.

### **Any Other Business**

Holly motioned to extend the port-a-potty rental at Mackville Pond to five months. It is currently rented between June and August. The extension would allow use between May and September. Holly reported past cost of the port-a-potty rental was \$100 per month. Jason seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor to approve, but absent members will still need to approve the vote.

Holly motioned to hand off purchasing to Jason in May 2021. Jason seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor to approve, but absent members will still need to approve the vote.

The Committee discussed the condition of the ice rink. Holly reported there are 4-5 broken pipes that can no longer be used and that there are several holes in the liner that need patching. Jason suggested storing the ice rink in a municipal garage in future to help retain the ice rink’s integrity once fixed. Holly stated a tarp will need to be purchased in order to wrap the ice rink securely for next year. This issue will be discussed further at next month’s meeting.

Jason reported meeting with Bethany Dunbar, Community Programs Manager for the Center for an Agricultural Economy. They discussed the possibility of partnering for future Recreation Committee-sponsored events at Atkins Field. Ideas included “Fitness Family Friday” which would coincide with the Farmers Market during the summer months.

Jason reported meeting with Geoff Sewake, Community Development Coordinator, regarding a grant for trail development. Jason passed along the information regarding the grant to Dave Mitchell, Trails Committee Member. The Committee discussed working closely with the Hardwick Trails Committee in the future as goals and use areas overlap frequently.

With no further business, Holly adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Varvir, Member

The next meeting of the Committee will be held May 11th, 2021 at 6:00 PM over Zoom.