



Town of Whitingham

Parks Committee

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2024

The Parks Committee had a meeting on Monday, 5/20/24 at 6:30 pm at Town Hill Park

In attendance: Seth Boyd, Aysha Wahlstrom, Carol Millett, Erin Lackey and Lyndsay Bushey-Hesselbach

- Bid was accepted by Selectboard for Pioneer Timber Frame to construct the pavilion addition to the Town Hill Building - as long as he meets the \$46,000 budgeted amount. He agreed, if the town takes care of the seeding, mulch, and walkway to the building. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 30.
- We need to request that Gig please post on the town website and Facebook, that the pavilion is not to be used until construction is completed.

Budget

- Parks budget is \$3,739 (7/1)
 - Order picnic tables for new pavilion.
 - \$600-800 per each, want 4 for the new pavilion.
 - See if Lion's Club might donate some picnic tables to offset the cost.
 - Also, look into industrial arts program at TVMHS to possibly make some for the park.
 - Order swing replacements.
 - If budget allows order new grills
- Mowing is \$3000 under budget.
 - and we would like to request that they use these remaining funds to cut back the brush line on the east side of the park.
 - Remove the basketball hoop and move the horseshoe pits to that location.
- New tetherball rope is needed.
- Need to update signage to state, "Park Open Dawn to Dusk", not midnight. Aysha will ask Todd Wahlstrom about this project.

Other topics discussed:

- Music at Dusk
 - Parks Committee is interested in pursuing some music events to occur at dusk 1-3 times per summer.
 - Will ask Selectboard to approve.
 - Henry Millet is willing to look into bands.
 - Jacksonville Blues Band is willing (they cost \$750).
 - Possibly fundraise for this event, then take donations.
- BDCC offers grants. Would a member of Parks Committee like to investigate opportunities here?
- Would Town Hill like to participate in Old Home Week somehow? (July 2026)

Respectfully submitted by Aysha Wahlstrom