

Bantam Civic Association

June 7, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the BCA was called to order at 5:06 p.m. at Bantam Borough Hall.

Members Present: Paul Griffen President, Jane Golding, Kim Griffen, Katie LaPointe, Jeff Porter, JJ Annable, Terry Szymanski, Jeannie Sanford Treasurer, Wendy Westcott clerk

Public: Michael Fabri

Previous Minutes: Minutes from May's meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jane and 2nd made by Jeff. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Noted: Arethusa donation. Copy passed and reviewed by members.

Progress: Farmer's Mkt Katie says first mkt successful, good amt of people despite weather. Vendors happy, like under pavilion and asking for more signage. Parking should be addressed so cars stay off field.

Wall: Jeff said exec father of Lacrosse player brought up replacing wall. Poss 3 logos company proposed- O&G, LH Lacrosse and BCA logos on replacement wall. Concrete block and footings for rebound wall. High enough and durable enough for kids to throw against. Approx 30'x 12' h painted nat brown. OG to dig foundation. Permits required. Paul requests visual before decided. Jeff to provide examples before next meeting.

Resurfacing of area under pavilion: Mike Fabri states straighten, brace and then fix inside, then dig out 10" stone under concrete like doing a sidewalk. Gutters - 2 downspouts to one low spot suggested and stone under eaves. Packable gravel ok but concrete best solution. Discussion: O&G also do concrete- Jeff will find out if O&G will do and concrete cost. Use old fill in parking lot.

How to get rid of piles from clean out Terry: will need to bring dumpster to clean up after clean up, remove piles, poss w Kyle and his own crew- cost? area left is a mess, debris was moved from one spot to another. Funds could have been better spent. Cost of removal of piles left by cleanup, stumps, etc questioned. Discussion: \$1800 ARP funds used originally not approved by BCA. Paul: Importance of group decisions.

Grant applications: Still in progress

Misc other business: Lauren Sage's letter read by Jeff stating golfing on field dangerous/stray balls, etc. Paul: Golfers have right to use fields as much as anyone,

admits to danger of stray balls left in grass to mowers, children on playground being hit. Ideas to address include: sign no golfing when playground in use, or making golfers aware of best direction to hit, leave middle field as fairway for golfers to hit towards woods.

Wendy: can now do BCA uploads, docs and pics to Bantam Borough Website. Payment to Harmony not required going forward. Directs members to view site at BantamCT.org.

JJ: Cost of material for benches \$140-150. Each. Discussion of 6 benches to start. Use old ones.

Fencing on hold for now- too costly.

Jeff: last week of season for youth Lacrosse. (we now have young adult and men's Lacrosse Leagues). Nets will be removed.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. made by Kim and 2nd made by Jeff. Motion carried.

Attest:

Wendy Westcott clerk
Dated June 14, 2023