

Bantam Civic Association meeting
Wednesday August 3, 2022 5:00pm

Attendees: President Paul Griffen, Kim Griffen, Dick Sheldon, Jane Golding, Val Caron, John (JJ) Annable, Wendy Westcott

Copy of 1951 Civic Association By Laws were passed around the table.

5:10 Paul Griffen called meeting to order.

One of Paul's top priorities is to establish what each member would like to do within the organization.

Alain White Field work: Janey Golding said it took 3 hours to mow the entire field last time and she continues to volunteer her time. Val, Paul contribute to weedwacking, Paul continues to check on the field and note conditions.

Minutes: Suzanne Fox had volunteered to do the minutes at last meeting. Paul unsure if she completed them. Wendy will take minutes going forward.

Dick would like to continue trying to coordinate a Farmer's Market at Alain White.

Paul: The Association is a corporation, officers de facto of any subcommittee. Paul suggests creation of subcommittees.

#1 Pavilion committee. Coordinate with roof contractor, coordinate with painters JJ volunteers to paint. He will estimate the cost of the paint and submit for reimbursement. He will paint the pavilion the same red it is currently. Dick will coordinate with crew for base gravel.

#2 Playground committee. Playground is important as many people/members/citizens express interest in its improvement. Kim found the original company which installed the current playscape- Recreation Creations/now under new ownership. This company has the original blueprints. Will continue to look into- repairs, options, etc. Paul indicates- the playscape needs swings. Kim is researching options.

#3 Update bylaws to include non- Bantam residents. Dick suggests an hour meeting sometime in the fall to update. Everyone agrees.

#4 BCA on Bantam Website. Paul would like BCA updates posted on the Bantam website. Wendy has direct line to Harmony Tanquay who designed the Bantam site and updates for Bantam. It doesn't take her much time to drop information on the site, will find out what the cost might be for once a month update.

#5 Signage at Alan White. Paul: People will and do continue to bring their dogs. Inevitable. We need to be sure people pick up after their dogs. Paul states we need a polite way – signage- to tell people to clean up after their dogs and clean up after themselves. Dick suggests a list of rules and the reasons why...ie, “pick up your trash, we have bears”----“bring it in, pack it out” etc. Everyone seems to agree on this idea.

#6 AARP funds first and current use is the new roof, probably completed end of August. Cost of \$17k. Possibility that Paul makes a request for total of \$25k for the roof and additional items such as grill?, \$25k would give us enough for the gravel for example. The Borough still has \$50k left in AARP – Dick reminded members so long as the funds are connected to covid relief which the outdoor Pavilion is.

Discussion of funding for improvements- benches, etc. Janey says Scherr Toss has been generous in the past for community resources. They may want to contribute.

Dick says Arethusa likes to be included in the community. Since George passed, it may not be quite the same and we don't want to go to them for everything. They may be interested. Wendy and Dick brought up perhaps a bench dedicated to George.

Field Status: Paul indicated the fields are in great shape and perhaps Terry Szymanski was the one who mowed the last section.

Future Alain White Field Improvements and ongoing items:

Bleachers: should be fixed in order to get the baseball and softball fields active again.

Edge: clean up all around edge leave just the trees and blocks.

#7 Contracts for sports teams/renters: Lacrosse is the only current “renter” done with handshake agreement. Need to come up with a contract. Contracts should state to follow the rules, if they don't clean up after themselves for example, there will be an extra fee. New rental contracts needed. Possibly approach Colleen of Parks and Rec to talk about rates. Possibly get a copy of the contracts they use for Litchfield fields. Michael Lyn may want to join us, she is great resource and liaison.

#8 Calendar: Paul wants a calendar/schedule of who is using the field. Paul will take charge of that.

Other ideas: Dick suggests an A Frame sign with removable letters for field/future uses. Kim agreed to check into this- she has source.

Next meeting: suggestion to meet in September as there is a lot of activity. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 7 5:00pm.

Paul calls for motion to adjourn

Dick Sheldon makes motion,

Kim seconds

Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm