

*Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes*  
*May 16, 2022*

Present: Julie Kohler visitor from BBCC  
Geri Kogut  
Vince Rice  
Emily Beeman  
Sara Molina  
Karen Molina

Meeting called to order: 4:04 by Karen Molina

1. Visitors, public comment, changes – Julie K. from BBCC, discussion of her ideas for beautification and enjoyment of Buzzy Towne Park (natural playspaces, bee pollinators, etc.) and how we can collaborate there, and at summer camps. Julie is open to sharing resources, activities, spaces, etc. Interested in Taiko drumming residency to occur July 5–8 with our MS summer rec students. She advised that placement of exercise equipment from trails committee is in progress, will let us know when location has been staked out so we can take a look.
2. Vermont Afterschool Grant Details/Progress – update of program details: arts programming ideas including taiko drumming residency July 5–8, inviting local artists to do workshops, field trips to local museums and hikes. Hiring updates and plans: so far Jen Nilson returning as director, Aspen Willard returning as counselor. Interviews for additional counselors, assistant director, and grant manager within next couple of weeks. Discussed QYD safe space progress by Wings, with funding from our Vermont Afterschool Grant. The QYD safe space room will be Monday and Wednesday 4–6pm at the Old School.
3. Expenditures from present year budget – Karen moved to vote to confirm decision from fall that money will be spent on volleyball net and tennis court backboard. Emily seconded, all approved. Will purchase volleyball net. Emily will consult with Mr. Hernandez (shop teacher at TVMHS) to see if creation of tennis court backdrop can be student project this year.
4. Idea of youth member of Recreation Commission – Feel youth voice is important, and this is a good opportunity to welcome youth to the civic aspect of town, and include their voice in decisions. Karen moved to vote to move forward, Sara seconded, all voted in favor. Will consult with town re: process.
5. Survey for public – we will review once more and send.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:33 by Karen Molina