

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY JULY 1, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE**

Present: Tim Hallquist, Shaunta' de Boer, Randy Ferrell, Rick Conner, Nick Miller and Craig Eisenhut  
Excused: Kathy Van Thiel and Leo Jungbluth  
Others: Sara Rennekamp, Tom Jenson, Lynn Minturn and Jill Hazak  
**7:00 PM Call to Order**

**Public comments for those items not included on this agenda:** (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three-minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

Jill Hazak – commented that inconsiderate Pickleball Players moved the barricades to play pickleball. And Zumba on Sunday mornings need to have speakers moved.

**1. Consideration of a motion to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of June 3, 2024.**

Motion (Conner/Miller) to approve the June 3, 2024, minutes. Carried (6-0).

**Recreation –**

**2. Discussion and possible consideration for Wall that Heals benches to be placed at Nixon Park-**

Lynn Minturn from the Hartland Chamber was present and explained the benches that were made for the Wall that Heals event were donated by Arrowhead. She said they are envisioning having some type of plaque there that tell why the benches are there, explain the Wall that Heals came to Hartland and what the Wall stands for. Hallquist commented that Arrowhead was going to try and have a memorial a couple years ago and it fell through so this could replace that idea. Rennekamp said this is a common thing for communities to do that get the wall. Discussion on possibly placing them near the flagpole.

Motion (Farrell/Eisenhut) to approve the Wall that Heals benches to be placed in Nixon Park at the flag pole with a plaque. Carried (6-0).

**3. Discussion and consideration to give recreation a full-time staff person-**

Rennekamp said Eisenhut suggested yesterday to add this to the agenda. Eisenhut said it would be beneficial to get the Recreation Department more help. Hallquist asked if this means you would be getting rid of the part-time person. Rennekamp said she briefly talked to Village Manager Bailey but they did not talk about that, so she doesn't know if that needs to be explored further. And she has not brought it up to her yet because it is not an option yet. Rennekamp said she is not confident that her part-time person would be available full-time.

Hallquist said so basically you would be adding 1 full time person or a half of a person. "Overlapping talking". Eisenhut said he thinks it should be full time to answer emails and cover events because when you have a big event one is not enough. He said part-time is great for seasonal.

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Hallquist said Jill ran the kids' zone on Friday night. Rennekamp said Jill did great, she works very hard and is dedicated. Hallquist said she used to work for the Hartland Library. Rennekamp said Jill worked for the library for 5 years and her daughter was in Colorado, and they were seriously considering moving there, so she stepped away from her library job, but they decided not to move. Rennekamp said Bailey's response was he can see the request for a full-time person, and that would be in the 2025 budget cycle, and it would be asking the Village Board for that.

Motion (Eisenhut/Connor) to approve a full-time recreation assistant. Carried (6-0).

**4. Discussion on fee cap for park vendors-**

Rennekamp said this came up last month when Dough Nation came in and wanted to sell food on Thursday night concert series. Rennekamp said on the application form it states \$75 but does not have an annual fee whereas the Mobile food vendor application has an annual fee. She said will this also be different for businesses in Hartland. Eisenhut said if it is a local business, it should be an annual fee, where an outside vendor comes in and makes lot of money of a special event. Discussion on different fees for local businesses vs outside of Hartland businesses. Rennekamp and Jenson spoke to clerk Policello regarding the ordinance and what it states. Miller said a vendor should only be there for an event. Discussion on annual fees and the number of times allowed. "Overlapping talking". It was stated Special Event is only for outside vendors, non-Hartland vendors cannot just come. Hallquist said whatever we decide won't take effect until next year. Brief discussion on possibly charging non-profit next year. It was decided to table until next meeting.

Motion (Farrell/Eisenhut) to table until next meeting. Carried (6-0).

**5. Discussion of spring pickleball session-**

Rennekamp handed out the results and went over the results. She spring was something new so she wanted to get some feedback because it will be coming back in September. She said there were great comments to the general questions. She said there was lot of feedback on the new pickleball courts. Some issues of ball rolling out of the fence and no access without going all the way around the court. Players would like a path to the back patio. The players would also like wind screens, and they will fundraise for those. Also, in the spring they would like to stay indoors due to it being chilly, but Rennekamp said the wind screens should help with that. Rennekamp said she is concerned about the partnership with the schools that are utilized for the indoor pickleball, and not sure how much they will be able to use them for indoor pickleball if she doesn't build a relationship with the school. She said the revenue in Pickleball has doubled in 2 years, due to volunteers. Discussion on how early pickleball players start and signs regarding hours and noise. Miller commented on how frustrating it is to be a resident and not being able to register. He suggested maybe letting Hartland residents sign up prior to other residence. Discussion on how the waitlist currently works.

**Public Works –**

- 6. Discussion on score board for Nixon Park- Brief** discussion on the latest rendering, which shows the new name. Jenson said they are waiting on quotes for the electricity. Hallquist said Mark Hughes from LCYBS is excited about the name. Farrell said he likes the name.
- 7. Discussion and consideration to move the start time of the Park and Recreation board meeting to 6:30 p.m. -**

Due to other meetings starting earlier and some schedules it was decided to keep meeting time at 7:00 p.m.

Motion (Farrell/deBoer) to keep meeting time at 7:00 p.m. Carried (6-0).

**Other items for Consideration-**

- 8. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.**

Miller commented on driveways being blocked for t-ball at Joliet every Tuesday & Thursday.  
Rennekamp – said Hometown Celebration weekend went really good even though the rain on Friday.  
Jill With did a phenomenal job with the kids' zone and on Saturday the weather was beautiful.  
Rennekamp said they made approximately 52, 500 in net sales.  
Suggestion on possibly do more advertising on other outlets.

- 9. Adjourn -**

Motion (Eisenhut/Miller) to adjourn. Carried (6-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,  
Deidre Bushey - Deputy Clerk