

**CANAAN RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024**  
**5:00 pm**

- I. Open Meeting – Chairman Vernon Crawford opened the October 14, 2024 Rec Park Committee meeting at 5:05 pm. Those present were: Vernon Crawford, Diana Rancourt, Alfred Buckley, Norman Flanagan, Britni Haley and later joined by Paul Lyons. Billy Rioux joined in person.
- II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – See other business.
- III. Approve minutes for the September 9, 2024 Meeting - On a motion by AI and seconded by Diana the meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- IV. Tennis and Pickleball lessons – Diana contacted the Principal of the West Stewartstown School and she recommends Mr. Aronson to give lessons. After some discussion everyone decided not to do so at this time.
- V. Splash pad winterization – Norman has winterized the Splash Pad which everyone was very thankful. Most Dependable Fountain will ship a new part for the red tower before the warranty runs out.
- VI. Trash in park and clean porta potties – Tabled for next scheduled meeting.
- VII. Donation \$500 – A thank you card was signed for Odette Crawford thanking her for the generous donation for maintenance in the park.
- VIII. Rolling field – Tabled for a later meeting.
- IX. Mowing – Tabled for a later meeting.
- X. Warned article – maintenance in the park – Tabled for the next scheduled meeting.
- XI. Vermont Community Foundation grant/hire students – We were awarded \$2,000 to hire a supervisor and students during the summer of 2025 and will inform Tim Gray. After some discussion it was determined that a new message board was needed and will ask Tim Gray to add to the list of projects. We will post how to donate towards the maintenance in the park once the new message board is done.
- XII. Fundraiser – pavers – Billy Rioux explained the paver project that the Town of Pittsburg hired him to do in their park. He will send more information to Diana to share with everyone. Diana distributed a write up and a sample form to review. More discussion at our next scheduled meeting.
- XIII. ARPA funds – Shuffleboard court and pickleball line painting – Vern received a quote from Harold's Concrete Construction \$5,000 for grinding and polishing an area 10'x40' for the shuffleboard court to discuss at our next scheduled meeting. VT Recreational Surfacing & Fencing Inc. plans to paint the pickleball lines next year.
- XIV. Merry go round/bouncing toy – Tabled for the next scheduled meeting.

- XV. Security cameras – One camera has been installed on the Superintendent’s office and the others will be installed later. Vern mentioned that if they plan to install any on the Library building that trees will need to be cut first.
- XVI. Car wash date – Tabled until a later meeting.
- XVII. Concert to benefit BFVFD July 5, 2025 – Discussed the firefighter’s appreciation day with live music, food and recreation activities. Britni thought a Community Heritage day/festival with demos and booths about logging, farming—dairy and tree farms etc. Everyone thought that it was a good idea to hold this event at a different time and thought it could be held during the Sugar on Snow. Diana will look for grants for the firefighter’s appreciation day. A special meeting will be held on these events to start planning.
- XVIII. Raffle tickets for Christmas Stocking – decided not to do this year.
- XIX. Casino Night – October 12<sup>th</sup> – Not as many attended our fundraiser event. We ended up making approximately \$7,000 which will be split with Canaan Naturally Connected.
- XX. Budget status reports – Reports were distributed for review prior to our next scheduled meeting.
- XXI. Work on budgets – Will work on budgets at the next scheduled meeting on November 11th if time permits.
- XXII. Other Business – Motion was made by Norman and seconded by Diana to give Laurent Rancourt a gift certificate of \$150 for the Black Bear Tavern for the use of his equipment which was very appreciative. All approved unanimously.
- XXIII. Warrant was signed – AP 21-24 \$2,649.79.
- XXIV.** Adjourn Meeting – the October 14, 2024 rec park meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.