

Bennington Recreation Committee
May 3, 2022 - Minutes

Sawyer Memorial Park

Present Bethany Craig, Samantha Hardwick, Crystle Bullard, Chad Bullard

5:30pm - Farmer/Artisan Market Sub-Committee

- Market will begin Tuesday May 10th, 4pm-7pm.
- Vendors can begin set-up anytime after 12pm.
- Parking will be in the outfield, Bethany has signs.
- Vendors will be closer to the infield, but still on the grass (not the gravel).
- The market will start small with 3-4 tents, new vendors are welcome.
- The Hardwicks will look into having hot dogs available for sale.
- Bethany has some book ideas to create a story walk at the market.
- Rhubarb Festival sub-committee will have a tent during the May markets to advertise.

6:00pm - General Recreation Meeting

- Baseball League - there is a private men's baseball league using Sawyer Park that is looking to make changes to the physical park and also to park policy regarding who/what the property can be used for. The park is managed by the Board of Selectmen who have approved Rec. Committee's events, so we will continue with our intended plans unless we hear otherwise.
- Sawyer Park - Bethany met with Town Administrator, Deb Davidson, and a representative from Primex, the town's insurance company, regarding Sawyer Park. He suggested some risk management issues with the baseball field, but identified the playground as the most urgent issue needing renovation/code updates.
- Rhubarb Festival - the festival planning committee is moving along with festival plans and will be at the Tuesday markets to advertise. The festival will be June 3-5.
- Croquet - a formal club can be created through the United States Croquet Association. To begin we'll offer recreational games and see if a group forms and a formal club is necessary/wanted. Looking at Sunday afternoons, possibly 2 Sundays per month during the summer.
- Halloween - there was interest in bringing back a Halloween or haunted event. Bethany has reached out to the interested people and let them know they can form a sub-committee if they like. This will not be run by the general Recreation Committee.
- Whittemore Beach - the committee will meet at Whittemore Beach on Saturday May 7 after the town clean-up to put the buoys out & clean out the shed for the season.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 7 at 6pm at Sawyer Park (during the farmer/artisan market).

Minute approved – June 7, 2022