

**Town of Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee**  
**Minutes of July 22 2024 site visit at Recreation Center**

*Members:* Jack Mitchell (chair), Michelle Siudut (secretary), Kat Niemiroski, Jennifer Jones (BOS rep)

*Guests:* Andy Grey (Rec Director), David Menter (Rec Com alternate), Jason Gagnon (summer camp director), Brian Trout (Rec Com member), Doug Finan, Liz Faria

The committee met at the Rec Center at 6 pm. Andy Grey, rec director, reported the following:

- New decking has been installed at the building entrances, the building has new flooring and interior walls have been painted. Priority this year - windows. Priority this year/next year - furnace. The current condition of these items turn people away from renting the facility, Andy said.
- Some trees have been cleared as a potential site for new municipal building. If that doesn't happen, the space will become parking. The pavilion will stay where it is.
- Where the current basketball courts are, they hope to put a gym with bathrooms.
- Cricket is growing and currently uses the baseball field behind the basketball courts. They are trying to move fields around to accommodate all sports, especially since the new road eliminated a practice field. One more 100 yard field is needed.
- Fields are leased out to organizations, but there are limitations such as lack of night-time lights and the condition of some fields. Real \$ is in tournaments, but that would require permanent lights. The lower field (soccer) needs irrigation and drainage; they are currently unsafe for soccer and lacrosse leagues. Irrigation estimates are \$20-50K.
- Organizations who rent fields, each bring in \$4-8K in revenue per season.
- The Sunday adult league donated the semi-permanent fencing around the current baseball/softball field.
- 100+ Brentwood residents (coaches and students) utilize the center.
- There is discussion to clear additional woodland to increase field space.
- They need to update their rental rates.
- Storage is a major need. Andy is talking to Boy Scouts to build; Liz Faria suggested he reach out to SST. Land may be cleared in lower area for additional storage and parking.
- The Archery field may be moved closer to the archery group's storage unit.
- A baseball tower in upper field would be great for announcements and additional storage. Potential to combine the tower with a new snack shack. The current snack shack is not set up to cook; the ability to sell hot food could be a huge money maker.
- Andy requested ARPA funds to install tennis and pickleball courts beside new road.
- Summer camp had \$12K profit last year; expects \$21K profit this year.

Visit concluded at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Siudut, Secretary