

Town of Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee
Minutes of September 15, 2026 site visit at Rec Department

Committee Members: Jim Hajjar (chair), Michelle Siudut (secretary), Kat Niemiroski

Staff: Director Jay Manzi, Jason Gagnon

Members of the public: Laura Hajjar, Doug Finan, Letty Bedard

4:31 pm start time.

- The primary need is the stove. There may be a need for additional parking. Bleachers need to be repaired; additional purchased. Trails need maintenance.

- There are some consistent renters of the upstairs (Rock Your Body and a home school group).
- Lower floor is used by seniors, ceramics, storage, summer camp. Consideration of restructuring to include office space to move the Rec office out of the Town Office.
- Hajjar asked about the ability to stream meetings (ie Budget Committee public hearing). Jay was unaware of this need. This is more a BOS request than a Rec request.

- Pickleball has an adult session twice a week for a fee. Aside from that, the courts are open to the public. In the off-season, they play at Swasey.
- Question as to if any area has been designated for the Olsen field/sign, since the original was demolished for the pickleball courts; answer was no.
- The fields are used almost every night in season. The upper field has one weekly softball rental; a cricket rental; and the town soft ball league. The lower field is for frisbee, town t-ball and is rented by EYSA in the fall (who has provided things like goals and netting).
- The new irrigation system installation has been ongoing for 2 weeks and is wrapping up.
- Next year, field rental fees will be on a tier system.

- Other activities that take place on the property are National Night Out, the Haunted Walk, and a movie night. The ice rink is a lot of work.
- Concession stand is open for special events, but not for games or rentals; but that is a goal.
- Summer camp runs Mon - Fri with activities across the whole campus, there are 9 staff.

- Jay has been working to secure sponsorships.
- Letty suggested making all activities enrollments/reservations and payments 100% digital.
- Tables and chairs are available for residents to rent. The pavilion is also available for rent. Canoes and kayaks used to be free to borrow, but now are rentals.
- Need clarification/better understanding of what is considered Rec Costs v Town Costs. The building is an emergency shelter, which carries expenses that should be covered by the Town.

The visit concluded at approximately 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Siudut, Secretary