

**Town of Brentwood**  
**Budget Committee Site Walk at Brentwood Rec Center**  
Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023

*Members:* Jack Mitchell (chair), Michelle Siudut, Gabbie Kelly, Letty Bedard

*Guests:* Liz Faria

Committee members met with Andy Gray at the Brentwood Rec facility at 3 pm.

Andy's biggest request at this time is 6 permanent bathrooms near the fields. He is working with Kip to determine cost to build, maintain. Suggestion to incorporate concession stand in same area, so that would have water.

Next priorities would be lights and a scoreboard on the fields, to allow usage at night. There are no lights anywhere on the fields or dirt parking area, which is a safety concern. He would also like to add pickleball/tennis courts.

They plan to do the 3 decks/entries to the Rec building with Trex. This is about \$45K, and they have the money for it from impact fees.

Discussion of revamping downstairs area to create an office for Andy, so he would be present in the building more, and the building would be more accessible to residents. We discussed the current layout of the downstairs and it is not well-laid out, and has only one bathroom.

He is happy with the current fields, although he wouldn't mind another soccer field. The fields are used 7 days a week, April through September. There is an irrigation system on the upper field. He would like a storage unit at the lower field. There is not enough storage space, and currently the equipment for the lower field needs to be hauled down from the garage. Property is mowed by ASAP Mowing 1-2 times per week.

Some projects that would be incidental in costs (could fund with Rec budget) include disc golf, sand volleyball, dog park. Some discussion about value of these vs upkeep.

He would like to get rid of the gas stove and replace with a newer, electric model. Would also like new dishwasher. He believes they could cover these costs with their own funds, and not through taxes.

Upcoming needs:

- HVAC system (3-5 years)
- Garage roof (5 years)
- Concession stand (5 years). This is currently only used at adult softball because he cannot get volunteers to staff. He is even willing to pay. The fields are being used 7 days and it would be great to have the concession stand open and making money.

Discussion of other groups who use the property:

- EJBSL uses our fields for softball and baseball. They have a field dedicated to their baseball. They are supposed to be managing it but they are not. Andy will be re-working the contract to ensure they either participate more in maintenance or pay a higher fee.
- Bowhunters: they maintain the trail, but they are supposed to also participate in community service. They were asked to paint the playground 2 years ago, but still have not done it.
- Blacksmiths

Andy would like to sell ad space in the form of banners along the fence. He would also like to have businesses sponsor some of the teams. He plans to work on these ideas.

Jack requested that Andy forward a copy of the final charette plan when it is received.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Siudut, Secretary