

Minutes of the Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Committee
Web meeting via Zoom
May 13th, 2025, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Present via Zoom: Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Mike Graham, Charlie Ritter, Jim Marschalek, Rich Marusenic, Joanne Ziarek, Lee Rooker, Mark Herr, Mike Koester, and DNR advisors Michael Ring, Collin Bergholz, and Sean Daane.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, at 6pm via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 8th meeting were approved. Joanne Z. will send to John Hillmer to post as usual.

Snowmaking and Project Report from Rich Marusinec:

1. **Well Repair Project – Collin B**

Rich talked to Collin who has chatted with our well repair contractor and the most likely date for the well pump is later May into June based on weather and dry out. Collin plans to get the contractor out to the park to firm up how to get to the well. John McCarthy and Mike Koester will cover for Rich while he's gone in June. Rich met with Collin last week and reviewed the electric system in the well house and it's ready for disassembly. Collin will be coordinating timing of well project and well house removal.

2. **Snow Making Update**

- Head Snowmaking hours are summarized for Feb 1 through end of season and were submitted to Anne Riendl to review. They have been approved and submitted to Hase Landscape.
- Collin has summarized Electrical costs for Dec, Jan, & Feb. Note that Feb kwh hours were below the level that triggers time of use charges.
- Collin has Diesel costs summarized for the season for payment to the DNR
- Collin and Colton are working on invoices to Snowmaking for Electricity and Diesel charges for the season. There will likely be two separate invoices from the DNR.

3. **“C” Circuit Main Disconnect Failure Friday Feb 7**

- The C circuit disconnect failed and was replaced in Feb and is working well. We still have an underground wire or connection issue from the south end playground (C4 or C5) pedestal to the WRSB pedestal (C6). Rich will be scheduling investigative work with Elect-Tech in late July or August to determine what the problem is.

4. **Snowmaking Season summary with suggested Repairs, Enhancements, Projects and Process changes.**

- Rich and Mike K. are summarizing a list of repair and improvement needs for snowmaking for consideration during summer and fall 2025 and will share this list at the July 1st meeting with an initial priority estimate. We will start various activities, maintenance, and repairs in later June. Mike will likely lead the direction on the multiple hydrant failures with John's help. John mentioned it would be good to fix

hydrants in July/August when our water table is lowest. There was some discussion about changing vendors for the hydrants and Rich and Mike K. are researching this.

- Lee mentioned we need to review our process for when we move a snow gun during snowmaking to identify key things that need to be double checked or signaled before the snow gun is moved. Rich asked Lee to summarize his thoughts on this as a starting point and Lee has provided an initial summary which Rich and Mike K. will discuss in late June.
- Rich and Mike will create a spreadsheet of the needed repair and enhancement projects to determine which projects can go forward with existing manpower and which may need added manpower to complete.

5. **Balance Sheet, Budget and Upcoming Expenses for remainder of fiscal year (through end Sept 2025)**

- a. Rich presented an update to the previous January summary of this season's expected fiscal year expenses and balance sheet which covers expenses and income from **Oct 1, 2024, through Sept 30, 2025**. Rich will update this budget sheet in July for review and begin to rough out a 2025/2026 budget format for discussion and input at future meetings.

6. Large Garage Door for Pisten Bully Not Opening Again

Chad from Hartland Overhead stopped by last week and made adjustments at no charge. Rich asked Chad for a quote on a newer model that doesn't have this particular calibration issue of our large overhead door. We would move the existing opener to the east door.

Treasurer's Report: Anne R. gave a brief report from the March treasurer's report on income and expenses for snowmaking noting that several larger expenses are still to come

New Business: It was suggested that Dan Matson be invited to a future meeting to discuss his ideas on Phase IV. Mike K. mentioned that he and Anne R. had done some initial research into establishing a QR code for donations to snowmaking and will look into this more in the fall. Charlie and Anne said that they were warmly received at the Delafield Tourism meeting today. Anne and Charlie are working on updating the donation envelopes used for snowmaking.

There was some discussion about the upcoming plans for the grand opening of the Lapham Lodge on May 17th. Charlie proposed having the Pisten Bully on display at this event, and possibly a snow gun. Mark Janis and Beattle will move the Pisten Bully and answer questions and possibly give "tours." It'll be a great opportunity for publicity for snowmaking.

Upcoming parties being planned at the new Lapham Lodge are June 17th for the snowmakers and July 15th for the annual FLP Board and snowmaking committee members pot luck cookout. Joanne will send out a "save the date" email in May for the July 15th event.

Respectfully Submitted, Joanne Ziarek