

MINUTES

Recreation Commission Meeting 4/27/15

Meeting convened in the Recreation Office at 7:03 PM.

Recreation Commission Nicole Banks, Paul Tucceri. Paul Aries, Lynn Connors, Elizabeth Phillips, Joyce Cannon, Dave Reilly. Absent: Ann Delaney

Public Attendee: Sheila Moylan, Christa Fahey, Dick Paster

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes. Change to include Paul Tucceri as attendee in the meeting minutes. Name left off.
- b. Motion to approve by Lynn Connors. Seconded by Elizabeth Philips.
- c. Monthly Report March was reviewed.

Commission Reports:

Membership update – Paul Tucceri will be stepping down after 12 plus years as a member of the commission. This was announced and Paul expressed his thanks to all members of the Commission for their kind words

Deerfield Subcommittee – Project update

Design Layout review Deerfield Park provisioning two fields was reviewed.

Christa Fahey from Westwood Youth Softball attended with an update.

1. More league teams in the youth softball program.
2. Committee decided to stick with the two fields with the ability to add a third.
3. Christa asked that Westwood Youth Softball receive in writing that funding for the third field be put aside from the project. Nicole will address her request with Mike Jaillet.
4. Grade 1 and 2 makes up 50% of the softball program. They only play on Deerfield school. For the spring season, Christa wants ensure the schedule prioritization will go to Westwood Youth Softball after the field gets renovated since they are going from three fields to two fields.
5. Christa asked what we want the Westwood Youth Softball to do to show their participation is increasing.
6. Christa wants to know what the guidelines will be for determining if and when we need to add a third field.
7. After figuring out a game plan with Mike Jaillet, Nicole will reach out to Christa to discuss the scope.
8. The commission has agreed to the following:
 - a. We are fine with the two field status
 - b. We are not in support of a written agreement/arrangement for future financial considerations involving the expansion to three fields. This shall be addressed by the Town Administrator, Mike Jaillet.

- c. The Commission is supportive of Westwood Youth Softball coming back to the Commission once the new fields have been completed if participation increases at a later date.
9. Conservation Commission Review – Scheduled May 13, 2015 at Carby Street.

Thurston Baseball Field Accident

A grazed car and broken window was the result of another hardball accident. Last year, Sharyn Tucceri was hit in the face by a hardball. This is a safety concern for families going to and from practice or games at the Thurston Upper and Lower Fields.

Nicole will reach out to Ken Aries and see what can be done. Nicole will gather costs to add a safety net.

Public Comment:

Dick Paster of American Legion Baseball Request for organization reclassification from Adult Sport Organization to Westwood Youth Sport Organization in Field/Facility Policy.

- i. The program is a High School program. Senior program has been in existence for 70 years. Most of the kids are in High School. Recognized by USA Baseball as a Youth Baseball League.
- ii. Only take 18 Players.
- iii. Motion to approve as a youth organization by Elizabeth Phillips, seconded by Joyce Cannon. Unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

The Commission reviewed an email by Michael Gay, President of Westwood Basketball Association. Reviewed the email indicating the total.

- iv. It was discussed that a feasibility study is included in the Master Plan. The study needs to be updated so we can include the planning process as well.
- v. It has been a while since the Master Plan was reviewed. Nicole Banks indicated she will reach out to the Planning Department and find out what has been done. This will be added to the agenda for next month. Step one will be to get a copy of the plan and the work to date. We will review the scope as well.
- vi. Nicole will also speak with Mike Jaillet about the contents of the study.

Report of the Recreation Director:

- Fishing Derby – Celebrating 25 years May 9, 2015 from 7:00AM to 11:00AM
Ceremony will take place at 11:00 AM to thank long time supporters, Westwood Firefighters and North Walpole Fish and Game for their efforts. Nicole asked for volunteers for that day.
- Westwood Lodge Updates - Because of the Deerfield Field redevelopment (Deerfield Displacement Plan), Westwood Youth Soccer will lose a field and it will be taken offline. The Recreation Department is looking for approval to expand field use to allow youth participation at the Lodge. Nicole has been speaking with the Westwood Lodge and Mike Jaillet about this initiative. This plan will be developed to address parking. The Recreation Department will meet with the Temple to see if they will allow overflow parking. Police and Fire Chiefs are in support of this effort. This effort may require a detail by the Police Department. Nicole will set up a meeting with the Selectman at the end of May or early June.

- Spring Field schedule and needs - Winter snow put us in a tough position with allocating fields. For next year, is there anything else we can do differently? Nicole presented a few options she will address with the teams at the next Fields meeting. Nicole spoke about moving the Fields meeting to an earlier time/date.
- FY15 Capital Project Updates - Pool deck and tile depth markings are complete. Removal of metal lockers and installation of new plastic lockers complete. Pool UV system bid closes May 1, 2015. The installation will take 6 hours, minimizing pool closing. Hallway carpeting complete in Recreation Entrance hallway and pool lobby.

Other items: Field Reservation Request – Westwood School Department

- i. Process is not being followed. This creates conflicts. Mike Jaillet will be bringing this issue to the Board of Selectman.
- ii. Westwood Youth Soccer was bumped by Ursuline Academy on Friday and Saturday April 17th and 18th. The Commission is concerned that the message is not being relayed appropriately.
- iii. This has become a common occurrence.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2015. This may change due to the Selectman's meeting same date.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Dave Reilly, seconded by Lynn Connors, motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Tucceri