

# MINUTES

## Recreation Commission Meeting

10/14/2014

Meeting convened in the Recreation Office at 7:05 PM.

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

Commission Reports: These will be addressed within the agenda. Diane Thornton has stepped down as an Associate member as she has officially moved out of Westwood.

Public Comment: No public attendees so no comments.

Approval of Minutes: Paul Aries made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Paul Tucceri. Unanimously approved 5-0

**Islington Substation Plans** - Discussion on the Islington Fire Substation took place. Discussion of how storage will be handled. It is confirmed that the tennis court can fit in new location next to the railroad tracks. Commission spent time talking about the proposed move of the substation which would impact the existing tennis court. The Commission would like to understand what brought us to this point.

Nicole will draft a letter to be reviewed by the commission to be presented to Mike Jaillet. The Commission would like to review what the options are. The Commission would like to be updated on the public safety task force as well.

New location of the tennis court will be expensive and result in no additional parking. Discussion regarding Downey as an option to add lights or would lighting at the high school tennis courts be a better option.

Next Monday is the Finance Commission meeting. Members of the Recreation Commission should attend this to offer their input and hear the concerns.

**Deerfield Redevelopment Plans** - Next meeting scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Youth sports group representatives are invited to attend an informational meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> to provide their input. David and Joyce will be attending these meetings.

This effort is going to fall town meeting asking for \$72,000 (*revised \$55,000*) to get money for the design work and project scope. The dollars requested would include a project manager. A design firm will put together a field map to see what our options are. Soccer and softball are the main users of the Deerfield Complex currently.

Report of the Recreation Director:

**Westwood Day** - Nicole got great feedback on Westwood Day. Estimates are that more than 8000 people attended some part of the events. Nicole asked that the Commission members read through the packet and provide any input as to what we can do to improve and additionally what worked that we should stay with.

Paul Aries asked for a clarification on the budget numbers. Nicole will have that for the next meeting.

Parking and car control was an issue. More adult volunteers are needed. Next year an after function appreciation event was recommended. The Commission was cautious on the potential cost of this event. Setup and clean up needs more people. Sponsors banner needs better presentation.

Tentative date for next year's Westwood Day is September 26, 2015.

**Report on Summer Programs** -Sports programs are having quite a few cancellations. 25% cancellations. Nicole is looking to get some sample survey questions regarding this cancellation rate.

Other areas, the Recreation Department will be looking at building on new preschool and adult programs. Questions came up regarding our offerings. A separate meeting will be in the plans.

**Morrison Field Recommendation** - Morrison was added to "Elite Field" status. This allows us to charge more for the field rental. This is justified since maintaining is more expensive.

Goal Setting for 2015/2016 was tabled due to the length of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Tucceri. Seconded by by Paul Aries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Tucceri