

Lyme Recreation Commission
June 24, 2013 informational discussion of ball field dimensions

Members: Richard Vidal & Dina Cutting

Baseball & Softball representatives: Luke Prince, Cole Cutting & Jim Mayers

These are not official minutes as there was no quorum (again) at this meeting. This document is to be considered a record of the discussion & recommendation concerning the new ball field set up. Richard and Dina would like to thank Jim, Cole & Luke for taking the time to come to this meeting and Ben & Nathan for sending their thoughts for consideration.

The recreation commission invited various baseball and softball representatives to discuss issues that need to be decided prior to the field project completions. The intent is to discuss requirements for baseball, softball and soccer. All people at this meeting felt it was important to make sure this field was as versatile as possible. We do not want to put anything permanent on this field that would be detrimental to one of the other sports played on the field.

The following dimensions and field set-up issues were discussed:

- Bases and the ideal distance
- Pitching mound
- Grass or no-grass infield

Dina passed out a memo listing the regulation lengths for Men's slow pitch softball, Fast pitch softball, Baseball, Babe Ruth, Pony League and Little League bases and pitcher's mound. Followed was a lengthy discussion concerning the sports we offer under the Recreation Commission in our town and what the various sport's needs are.

It was the sense of all people at this meeting to install 60' and 70' bases. The new field would be able to accommodate 2 different sets of bases. There will be boxes installed for the breakaway bases at 60' and 70'. There was concern over infringing into the soccer portion of this field with the grass line cut out. The group felt 70' bases would be the maximum this field should accommodate. The grass line cut out will be at 65' in order to work for both the 60' & 70' bases. The pitcher's mound was discussed and the group felt a removable pitcher's mound was the best plan of action. The Recreation Commission has a community member who is willing to fundraise the money (\$2,500) to purchase this. A grass infield was discussed with consideration to additional cost and maintenance. If a grass infield is not cost prohibitive the majority of this group preferred it. Lighting of this new field was briefly discussed. If this was a possibility in the future it makes sense to have the underground work put in now. Richard is going to check into this and bring the information to the recreation commission.

Cutting moved and Vidal seconded all of the above recommendations be made to the Recreation Commission concerning the new ball field. Everyone present for this discussion agreed. Because there is no quorum this was not a vote it was a recommendation.

Cutting noted that 2 local business have offered to fund and build 2 dug outs, another local plumber has offered to run the water piping to the home field dug out so it is more accessible for this field and the player. The Lyme Green men's softball team will be fixing up the shack, with that Cutting hopes to add on and or make room for small equipment shed. A used riding lawnmower has been donated and will need to be stored at the field to be used as a drag. Every one commented how exciting this was.

And the motion was voted unanimously in favor by this recommendation group.

Respectively submitted Dina Cutting