

Lyme Recreation Commission
July 22, 2013 Meeting of ball field dimensions

Members: Richard Vidal, Curtis Shepard & Dina Cutting

New members Luke Prince & Jim Mayers were welcomed to the commission. Community member: Tor Tosteson.

Soccer will be coming up soon. Small has requested a shed be purchased for the field at the school. The commission approved up to \$500.00 for a shed.

Soccer Camp is all set and signups have happened. This will take place on the Crossroads fields

Discussion of the ball field. There has been some vandalism on the field on 2 different occasions. Police have been notified. The Recreation Commission is requesting permission from the Board of Selectmen to keep the gate locked at all times. We realize this is an inconvenience to the people wishing to use the pond and basketball/tennis courts but if this continues it will cost significant funds to fix.

Jim was going to try and make this meeting. Richard updated the Commission on the field. Some concerns of the lack of progress were noted. Cutting commented Jimmy has promised to complete this as soon as he can. The top soil is very wet and causing some difficulty in screening. Curtis is investigating using cement to place all the posts for the fencing to make sure these do not move. The fencing will cost about \$1,446.00 for the material. Volunteer help will be needed to put this up and Curtis will organize this. Followed was a discussion on the pros and cons of this. Shepard reviewed the pump and watering options for the new field. The pump at the beach is old and Curtis is questioning if it is big enough. If a new larger pump is needed, because this will service the beach and the water will be extended down to the ball field for drinking and field watering also, the cost will be split between the Recreation revolving fund and the Recreation budget line in the town budget. Curtis will work out with Jimmy how to address the temporary sprinkler system needed to keep the seed watered. Each week that the project is not finished it is \$100.00 additional to Pathways. They have to monitor this project and file a weekly report with DES. The Commission was made aware this cost would be higher than anticipated because the project is taking longer to complete. Vidal reported the meeting with Softball & Baseball representatives went well. The infield discussion was reviewed and discussed, the following is from that informational meeting:

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.

Members of the Commission would prefer grass infield but at this time because of the need to get it done as fast as possible and the funding being so tight it was the sense of the Commission to move ahead with a joke sand infield. This can be addressed at a later time if the funds become available years down the road.

Tor Tosteson came to request an area be set aside for a group of swimmers that want to be allowed to swim out of the roped in area. Various ideas were discussed. Issue concerning putting the lifeguards in a position of allowing some people to do this and other not to and how this would be regulated. It was the sense of the commission to have this kind of an area away from the beach. Mr. Tosteson will investigate the possibilities of putting a dock in by the boat racks and come back to the Commission with the information.

At this point Cutting informed the commission that Mayers was willing to fill in for the alternate seat on the recreation commission. This was moved by Cutting. Seconded by Vidal. Voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes of the June 3rd meeting were approved.

At 6:55PM Vidal moved to adjourn, Seconded by Shepard. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Cutting