

Town Fields Committee
Meeting
Room 101 Veteran's Memorial Building
February 6, 2013 6:30 pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Susan Vara called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following were present: Susan Vara, Andrea Wagner, Kris Fogarty, Sean Doherty, Brutus Cantoreggi, and Christopher Smith.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY: The Committee reviewed the charge.

Develop a Use Priority for Town fields – the committee has identified the number of fields as well as both their use and users and who is responsible for controlling/scheduling. The committee identified the need to overlap school and town needs as well as quasi-private needs such as Millis Baseball/Softball and BAYS soccer. The priority of whether fields should be rented out to private clubs or individuals to offset costs still needs to be addressed together with financing. The committee needs to determine which group(s) and sport(s) have priority for the fields.

Development of a Financial Policy – the committee has identified the fees for the town fields. Still needed are the school fees and Oak Grove. Need to establish the cost to maintain these fields and what the maintenance for each field consists of. Mr. Smith brought up the Oak Grove fund and the group questioned what is the purpose of that, particularly the holding of a balance and who accounts for it as the finance committee does not. Need to address capital need financing as well

Review the existing town field inventory and make a determination as to whether the number of fields is sufficient – the inventory is complete. Determination as to sufficiency needs to be quantified as does the demographic estimates for future continued use v. current bubble

If inventory is deficient, recommend locations for new fields – the committee reviewed availability at Oak Grove, Cassidy field, other town properties as well as improvements to the school fields (presentation on 2/27). If the inventory is deficient due to quality of the fields, improvements rather than location should be discussed. The committee may also consider private property and owner presentations.

Determine who would maintain any new fields and how the maintenance would be paid for – this would be the final consideration, however this brought up the discussion as to whether all field maintenance should be done by one group, such as the DPW, rather than done by Oak Grove, DPW, recreation, and school.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 6:30pm Room 101.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea J. Wagner, Secretary