

WAYLAND RECREATION FIELD USER ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2016

In Attendance: Maureen Tillett, Alexia Obar, Reed Newton, Paul Nechipurenko, Michael Martins, Stephen Sandler and John Taxiarchis for the Community Advisory Group. Heidi Seaborg, Brud Wright, Asa Foster, and Frank Krasin for the Recreation Commission.

Absent: Jessica Brodie

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

7:00: Public Comment - none

7:05: Approval of Previous meeting minutes –

- First official meeting, so no prior minutes to approve. Matter was tabled as J. Brodie was absent.

7:10: Select advisory group members to serve in the following positions -

- Chair – Reed Newton (Wayland Youth Soccer)
- Vice Chair – Steve Sandler (Wayland Little League)
- Secretary – John Taxiarchis (Wayland Youth Lacrosse)
- Remainder of 2/1/16 meeting attendees representing community become committee members.

7:20: Discuss thoughts on future Capital Projects –

- List of current projects:
 - Proposed new artificial turf field on old DPW space located at 195 Main Street.
 - Loker Conservation Area – Commission received \$90K in 2013 from CPC to design a field at this site. There are issues with drilling a well at the site due to previous contamination. Commission exploring alternatives such as using water from old reservoir nearby.
 - Oxbow Meadows – Currently a grassy knoll located on the old Nike site. Commission received \$20K in 2015 from CPC to design a field at the site. It could possibly be refurbished into a usable but smaller athletic field or practice space.
 - Riverview – Location that sits off of Stonebridge Road and is currently unused. Possibly candidate for refurbishment but also has irrigation issues - needs new well or, as has been discussed, a storage tank has been proposed.
 - Alpine Field – Consider removing the current ball field and putting an 8v8 in its place. Discussion regarding how 8v8 fields should be moved off of large fields and put it at Alpine.

- Town Building Field – It could be possible to renovate this field Fall 2016 using some of the unspent field user fees (pending Spring Town Meeting vote on stabilization fund to be able to expend the funds). We will need to devise a strategy if the field is renovated since users will be displaced.
 - Refurbishment of current HS Turf Field – Painting of lines for lacrosse, soccer, and football. Also reported that it needs more of the black rubber crumb.
 - Track and Field – HS long jump needs sand.
 - Baseball field.
- Discuss opinion on an additional Artificial Turf Field in town; Reed Newton mentioned the importance of getting a turn out at Town Meeting, with unified support amongst the various user groups. Maureen Tillett stated that Boosters does not take a political position in regard's to proposed projects. Stephen Sandler said that as an Advisory Group, the goal should be to reach a consensus and inform Recreation of the group's priorities. It is a problem when the various groups are at loggerheads due to lack of communication.
 - General discussion on Fin Com/BOS vote to have field user fees collected as a local receipt to the town's General Fund. How will this impact Recreation's ability to expend field user fees? State legislature pending to raise spending cap on Recreation's revolving fund. Alexia Obar stated that she does not think Governor Baker's legislation will pass quickly, rather we should reach out to our state reps to support the legislation filed by Wayland BOS.

7:45: Establish deadline for responses from the Advisory Group. Set tentatively for March 15, 2016 if not earlier.

Recreation to send Field Advisory Group a list detailing the status of pending and potential projects before next Advisory Group Meeting.

Maureen Tillett asked that the WHS Athletic - Director Heath Rollins be added to the distribution list so he can be informed of the discussions and meetings.

8:00: Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair within 48 hours of the meeting - None

8:05: Next Advisory Group Meeting – February 22, 2016 at 7:15pm, large conference room in Town Hall

8:10: Adjourn