

**Wayland Recreation Department  
Minutes  
November 2, 2009  
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Meliones, Gayshan, Virzi, Wright, McShea

Meliones opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Virzi motion to approve minutes of October 5, bills and payroll. Second Wright. Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment –None

Field Usage Policy Public Forum –

John Bance Youth Lacrosse Board – new policy step in wrong direction. If it ain't broke don't fix it. Elimination of seasonal priority. This had ensured access to prime fields were shared equally. Sample large variety of activities. Multiple sports – field priority concept allows this. Field assignment conflicts dealt with by director. Decision based on field priority and number of kids involved.

New policy – no in season priority. Conflict resolution part taken on by commission. No objective criteria as to why one group allowed over another, more disputes will arise. Have director resolve those disputes – commission make policy- delegate responsibility to director. Interested parties in conflict should be present during deliberation process.

Mike Massicotte – Pop Warner – is anyone on the board involved in youth sports in town? Brud vice president youth soccer and referees. Any conflict? Brud – no – can be fair and objective about issues. Bob – men's team. Anna when she was elected she was part of WBSA, football board and pool. Non-Wayland youth leagues, why did you create this new category? Anna not enough kids from Wayland, combined teams. More and more people that want to play on fields. Want to see youth % become 60% same as adult %.

John Campbell- youth soccer and youth lacrosse. Reword 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph to show intent still held by director on appeal to the commission. Objective measure % which trumps other groups. Priority %'s not to make exclusive but to give a little to everyone.

David Osborne –Make list of priorities. # of Wayland participants.. 1 sport in town does this. Seasonality why dispensed of this? Lacrosse in particular.

Brud – In season sport problem gave a disincentive to share in an equitable way without getting commission involved. Put one ahead of the other, make no resolution possible. Brud how would you decide how many fields the priority season sport should have?

Learning the game more important to practice than playing the game itself. Priority should not be all or nothing. Equitable use of field priority does not mean exclusive use.

Maura Keating – Youth lacrosse conflict with soccer. Just have the one season want to be able to put on a full-program. Many kids on one field – soccer empty fields – a few kids here and there.

Gray Holmes – Youth soccer – last spring real challenge made worse by lose of Bennett Field. Youth programs supportive of each other. Work to accommodate other sports. 2 practices per team. Work out

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something that works for everyone. Youth soccer plays fall and spring. Work on long-term field issues. Work towards same end. Dynamic last year was a negative dynamic with youth lacrosse.

Preference priority issue :

Head count per use on a field?

More objective criteria

Seasonality?

Waterfall approach 1-10 key criteria rated higher than others?

Want seasonality, % of participants, participants utilization of field space, i.e. # of kids on the field.

Commission then closed open forum for discussion.

Should phone number to DPW , or Don's cell phone number if paid by the town be put on the packet?

Punchlist of issues on each field – send to rec. com. and Stas can bring to DPW.

Rec. Com. meeting – field use schedule, field lining, distribution list, send out to user groups.

Field notification to Mike or Don – you make the call notify. User email about field policy and open/close procedure by DPW- contact info. to users for Mike and Don phone numbers and emails.

Commission wants to know what McShea does in Sudbury versus in Wayland. What problems do you see coming. Meet with Don and Fred about there being a clear policy. Document the direction things are going in.

Next meeting to be held Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourn at 9:50pm. Wright motion to adjourn, second Gayshan. Unanimous in favor.