

Wayland Recreation Department
Minutes
September 13, 2010
Recreation Meeting

Present: Foster, Virzi, Wright, Meliones, McShea

Virzi called meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Meliones motion to approve minutes of July 13th, payroll and bills. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

7:05 Public Comment

George Uvegies – Introduced Economic Development Committee which is working to see how all properties in town fit together. This will tie into the master planning process.

Linda Segal – Wants to know when the Field Use Master Plan will be available online.

Commission requests McShea to get a pdf file of the field study and to have it put on the town website. McShea will contact Gale Associates about doing this.

7:10pm Field Use Master Plan Study Review – Discussion

Meliones pointed out page 6 of Town Wide Master Plan Review – “Based on our initial findings, it is apparent that many of the Town’s existing fields are in poor condition due to overuse. In addition, the Town is lacking sufficient athletic field space to accommodate the existing amount of Youth and Adult sports programs that are active in Town. Based on the numbers, the Town is currently lacking two (2) multi-purpose athletic fields, five (5) 60-ft. diamonds and two (2) 90-ft. diamonds.”

Wright – find out from Gale Associates what the cost would be to evaluate Loker Recreation area to evaluate the feasibility of the 30 rec. proposal.

McShea walked commission through the various sections of the School Field Use Master Plan and the Town Wide Field Use Master Plan.

Virzi – Maintenance is definitely a DPW issue, splitting Park and Recreation Departments has created a disconnect between these two functions. We advocate for the user, DPW does the maintenance.

Need to make sure that we have someone from the DPW at the presentation by Gale Associates at the public forum as we cannot speak to the maintenance side of this study.

Discussion on Public Forum Date. Will be meeting with the BoPW on October 4th at 7pm. Commission suggest finding a mutual date for the public forum at that time.

Mark Lucier questions whether Gale can revisit Bennett Field now that it is open and in poor condition due to the summer heat stress.

For October 4th BoPW meeting add Field Use Master Plan to the agenda add drainage for beach to agenda as well.

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Commission asked McShea to get hard copies of the study for each member of the BoPW and the Town Planner and our liaison to the Finance Committee.

At BoPW meeting ask them to identify a park person to help us coordinate issues. At the public hearing on the field use study invite representative from finance committee, BOS; BoPW, planning and public.

Virzi shared MPAC final priorities read out. Virzi representatives from all town boards worked together to rate priorities according to need and color coded by category. Virzi highlighted what he felt were the most critical items for the Commissions attention.

- Feasibility study of Doran Road development to protect Dudley Pond from degradation.
- Improve stormwater run off at the Town Beach.
- Define use of the Municipal Pad in the Town Center Project.
- Prepare a highest and best use analysis of all town owned land. Modify holdings as appropriate.
- Consider expanding programming and space for senior center and/or multi-generational community center.
- Improve Wayland's ability to meet demand for active recreation facilities.
- Improve/replace buildings and amenities at Town Beach.
- Support Wayland bike trail plans along the abandoned Rail Trail.

Virzi brought up Town Building Field issues, windows get broken does not feel groups that break window should have to pay. Wright suggests putting this on the spring field user meeting agenda to come up with a equitable solution. McShea pointed out that in the Town-Wide Field Use Master Plan there is a recommendation that the town install a net between the field and the Town Building to resolve this issue.

Pool Update – pool will be 10 lanes. On schedule to be done at end of October. Foster inquired about whether they have hired a pool director yet. McShea said not yet.

High School traffic issues with school construction, especially with past Sunday Pop Warner games. Virzi states that our position is to minimize scheduling as much as possible but the parking is really a police issue.

Beach house update – Meliones recapped meeting with John Moynihan. John is talking with Kaffee Kang about redesigning building. Hope to demolish building by December. Commission requests that McShea email Moynihan and ask for an update on progress and time frame of new beach house construction and drainage plan with both being ready for Memorial Day opening.

Commission also requests that McShea get clarification on who has responsibility to pay for what at buildings such as the beach house. i.e. plumbers, etc. as this is a public building and should it not fall under the public facilities budget?

McShea reminded Commission that Touch-a-Truck is scheduled for September 25th from 10-1 at Wayland Middle School. JoAnn Kiburz in the Recreation Department has secured enough donations to run the event at no cost to the department.

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Brief update on Community School programs and the two issues we are dealing with: 1. Running recreation sport programs. 2. Not notifying us when they are planning programs on the fields after school hours.

Commission asked McShea to contact Fred Turkington and ask him to set up a meeting with McShea, Virzi, Fred, Turkington, Joe Nolan, School Committee Chair and Dr. Burton to discuss and clarify this issue.

Commission brought up that the Field House will be closed at the high school beginning in March and through the summer. McShea to follow up with Moynihan on this as the department had no knowledge of this.

Wright motion to adjourn at 9:33pm. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.