

**Wayland Recreation Department
Minutes
November 1, 2010
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Foster, Virzi, Gayshan, Meliones, McShea

Virzi called meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Gayshan motion to approve minutes of October 4, 2010. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.
Gayshan motion to approve minutes of October 19, 2010. Second Meliones. Vote unanimous in favor.
Meliones motion to approve minutes of September 13, 2010. Second Foster. Vote 3 in favor 1 abstain.
Meliones motion to approve bills and payroll. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment:

Larry Kiernan – Massachusetts representative to Mass Central Rail Trail that runs from Boston to Northampton. MBTA lease railway to DCR. DCR proposals to pull up rails and leave dirt or stone dust path. CPC and Town Center project have set aside some money for this already. Who owns it from a town perspective? DPW, Recreation or Conservation.? Maintenance of site will fall to the towns, in this case DPW. Discussed what role recreation commission would want with this project.

Tom Sciacca – wanted to speak again about concerns over artificial turf fields. Started looking at 4-5 years ago horrified as what he has seen. No one has any financial stake to propose that these fields are not safe. They are marketed effectively to put them in using the everyone has one routine. People think if they are expensive they must be good – not always the case. Natural fields are infinitely better. Concern over lead in existing field – Boston Globe even reported this. Was supposed to test field immediately according to agreement but did not test until January. Ground water flows towards the turf field so was testing the ground water that had come up, nothing drains off the turf field, testing was meaningless. Virzi questioned previous claim of percentage of injuries on turf field and fact that increase in usage would show a possible increase in injuries. Tom is willing to look at any information we have on total usage for school sanctioned events. Claims traction characteristics on turf versus natural grass are a problem. Heat related issues exist and the information Tom gathered he found interesting. Virzi asked Tom if he felt there was anyway to build a safe turf field? He thought maybe using cork or coconut fiber or plastic. Three main issues to look at if considering another turf field would be technology, location and injuries.

Gayshan said it is a need for more space than what we currently have available in town. So we either need to develop more fields or limit usage or a combination of both.

Meliones agreed that we either need to add what we can or we have to cut back on usage.

Recap of Field Use Master Plan Study public forum – decent representation at the meeting though would have liked to have seen more showing from soccer and football. Looked at field space on available recreation land. Meeting on Dec. 7th on public forum on Loker will give direction to Commission.

Commission asked McShea to send another email to John Moynihan asking about cost estimate on the beach house and time line.

Memo from Mark Lanza, commission would like McShea to follow up and get more information for commission so they can address this issue.

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Pool update from Meliones, plaster to be finished on Tuesday, roof going on next Monday or Tuesday. Pool to officially open on December 4th. They have hired a director.

Next meeting to be held on December 7th after public forum.

Foster motion to adjourn, second Meliones. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.