

Wayland Recreation Department
Minutes
January 10, 2011
Recreation Meeting

Present: Foster, Virzi, Gayshan, Meliones, Wright, McShea

Virzi called meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Tabled voting minutes of December meeting, bills and payroll until February meeting.

Virzi requested that we add Chris Brown from the Board of Public Works to our distribution list as he is the new liaison to recreation.

Wright questioned if we should be conducting the public forums and not the BOS. Wright feels we need to make our recommendations to the town for what we feel is the proper use of Loker.

Virzi went over request from Mike Lowery regarding pulling weeds at Lake Cochituate and Surface Water Quality grant. Mike would like the commissions support to get state funds to do this. Foster drafted letter in support. Meliones supportive of this as Lowery is so on top of this issue. Meliones motion to support WSWQC in seeking a grant for \$16,000 for milfoil eradication in Lake Cochituate. Second Gayshan. Unanimous vote in favor. Virzi asked McShea to get letter over to Mike Lowery.

7:20 recess to attend Finance Committee meeting on capital items.

\$50,000 beach sand request, \$25,000 fix volleyball, shuffleboard area. Also recommended that the Fin. Com. Support the \$550,000 middle school field development request for BoPW and that they take \$30,000 from the Loker request towards a feasibility study. We recommend adding the \$30,000 from Greenways property feasibility study to this new \$30,000 for Loker and study the two sites together to see where the best location would be to put in an ice arena and baseball/softball fields. Discussed with Fin. Com. About possibly putting information on the website about the big picture of what we are doing at the beach. This web information should include a status update, status report, past work done, and where we see the beach in 5 years? Potentially show revenue generation and payback predictions.

8:01pm reconvene Recreation Commission Meeting

Meliones wants McShea to set up meeting with John Moynihan regarding the bathhouse so she can get update for the commission.

8:03pm Public Comment

George Uveges – Framingham Pool and Poolhouse and Hopkinton Pool and Pool House built cheaply due to no work right now. Wondered if we had talked with Economic Development Committee and help sell commercial development. Do a brochure about recreation programs and services in town. For the hockey rink commercial space is available at the septage facility on Rte. 20 between Wayland and Sudbury and maybe former dump...have you looked at those locations? Potential joint venture.

Linda Segal – Doug Leard, when he was on BOS, identified all town owned land with thoughts on what could be done on it. Did with Alf at least 3 years ago. Former landfill was not perceived as buildable due to not capping correctly. Other side of Route 20 might be good for sighting a building. Steve Calichman would know best what would be suitable. Would be a DEP matter. Potentially look at Alpine Field the school parcel for fields.

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Discussion on Field Use Master Plan.

Held public forum on Field Use Master Plan Study, held forum on Loker Recreation/Conservation Area.

Virzi – We need to decide two basic issues: 1. What do we think makes sense in the Master Plan? 2. What other avenues do we want to pursue? If we each go around and say what we think then that can give us some direction.

Wright – Advocate for middle school fields. Who controls the fields? We control the scheduling. Need to clarify with DPW not to pursue changes or additions to recreation facilities without advocating through us. Clarify what our role is? Need to clarify who should go where for what, DPW versus Recreation Commission? Virzi oversight board.

Wright Middle School two fields is a wise choice feel strongly that no football be allowed on these fields. Need to reserve some authority to have that say. Perhaps develop a subcommittee with Don, Nancy, 2 BoPW and 2 Recreation Commission members? Supports turf fields at the high school.

Meliones supports the two fields at the Middle School. Would like to see the artificial turf at Claypit. Would like to see diamonds put in.

Gayshan – we should have a longer conversation with BoPW and BOS about how roles and responsibilities are not working. We need to develop a functional/structural framework. We can't demand field development and not be able to control field maintenance.

Foster – if no cooperation or interest in maintaining fields then can't do it...no point.

Virzi – I believe some problems with the current BoPW and Recreation set up and now becoming visible.

Gayshan – 1 or 2 more artificial turf fields are key. We have a needs capacity for fields that doesn't get damaged in poor weather. Also need indoor fields and space.

McShea – would you consider amending your field policy to decrease usage to help the fields if no new field development happens?

Foster – Supports the 2 fields at the Middle School. Turf fields good points. How much push back from this if you pursue turf fields? Do they get tied up so long that they don't get done?

Wright – artificial turf on the school property is good.

Foster- Turf at Claypit would be good as well, but small.

Wright – High school multi-use field. We have a greater demand for field use than we have fields. Don't want to squash the demand by users. Would rather overuse the fields we have, build the 2 middle school fields, build turf and develop a long term rest/rotation program.

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Virzi to summarize so far: Proceed with 2 middle school grass fields, need for addition of 2 multiuse turf fields – high school a great place for this, then maybe Greenways or Loker.

Meliones – Alpine Field should be updated.

Virzi – Long term planning – perhaps we can float out RFP's for Loker/Greenways/Alpine municipal piece/ Septage area for fields and Hockey/indoor space areas. See what we might get for funding.

St. Ann's possibly might open up for commercial growth – 14 acres, might be able to tie into Greenways.

Virzi- the RFP, can we do this? Set up joint meeting with BOS, we deal with proposals.

Gayshan – disconnect between people who use it and people who maintain it.

Wright suggests that Gayshan structure way it should be organized and present to the Recreation Commission at the next meeting.

Gayshan, there must be a plan for maintenance.

Wright maybe we should all go home and tweak our thoughts based on priority and bring to next meeting.

Gayshan, I think our priorities, in no particular order are:

1. Indoor space – basketball/ ice rink/ indoor field.
2. Multi use artificial turf fields (2).
3. 2 natural grass fields at the Middle School.
4. 4 softball/baseball diamonds

Need to determine priority order. Virzi suggests we go back to Steve Correia and Fred Turkington with these priorities and then meet with BOS.

Next meeting February 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Wright motion to adjourn, Meliones second. Vote unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourned 9:19pm.