

Wayland Recreation Department
Minutes
February 7, 2011
Recreation Meeting

Present: Foster, Virzi, Meliones, Wright, McShea

Virzi called meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Meliones motion to accept minutes of December 7, 2010 and January 10, 2011, bills and payroll. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

7:15 – Public Comment – None

7:20 – Field Use Master Plan Discussion Update. Virzi, we met with the finance committee on January 31, 2011 with the BoPW. They are looking for us to support field development at Wayland Middle School and support at town meeting and rallying the troops. Told Fin. Com. This was the commissions top priority. Talked about how to move forward on other properties. If something was purchased with CPC funds then it could be developed, potentially, with CPC funds for field development.

Wright – for town meeting need to line up key points – get supporters to agree to go to the podium and generate talking points, give tasks and submit outline to help organize discussion.

Commission asked McShea to generate some talking points and email to them along with a list of organizations to contact. Commission will then get commitments from those organizations to get up and speak to the benefits of this new field development.

Virzi commented that the finance committee was supportive of turf fields. Virzi spoke about the long range plans to develop Loker, Greenways, and potentially rte. 20. Talked about RFP idea. Finance Committee feels that plan is better suited if we can show a business plan on how to make it all work financially...i.e. at least cover the debt service associated with the cost of construction of future fields. Virzi responded back that we are self-funded and are required to generate some much revenue each year. If you want us to not burn out the fields then you need to either reduce our revenue generating burden or develop a new system for doing this.

McShea spoke briefly about the concept of a field maintenance enterprise fund as a possible long term solution. Wright believes that field usage should be 100% Wayland use – we should continue the way we are going and abuse the fields but at the same time put our resources together to build a new turf field, then rest fields once the new middle school fields are done and a new turf field is in. Wants to work on generating revenues, look at how we can crunch numbers to get more out of a turf field.

McShea gave an update on the Beach house and brief review of the newly acquired cost estimate.

Virzi updated commission on his breakfast meeting with Steve Correia. Feel that we pay for 2 people out of DPW we should have some controls set up to have control over those 2 people. If we are paying them we should be able to see what they are doing. Discussed also the \$25,000 coming out of the revolving account and our lack of any knowledge of what that money has and is being spent on, yet we are accountable for it in our budget.

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Discussion over Stas email – Wright found letter to be a bit confrontational – feels we need to meet with the BOS to discuss the issues.

Foster – feels like Recreation has taken a back seat. Wright the logic of Park and Recreation together makes sense. Organizational way to make DPW realize we are a client of theirs? How do we accomplish this?

Wright volunteers to put together bullet points for BOS with an improved tone – will send to McShea who will add to it and send along to commission prior to next meeting. Virzi will get back to Stas.

Wright should hold a public meeting on the development of fields at the middle school. Invite abutters to hear their concerns, hear our plans etc. Public meeting to discuss plans. McShea to do up a letter to abutters, include in it our desire to address their concerns ahead of time i.e. buffer zones, lights, usage, drainage.

McShea instructed to send letter to abutters, paper and leagues for the March 7th meeting.

Virzi spoke about the RFP's looking at Loker, Greenways and Route 20. What will this bring to the town if these parcels are available for development? Meet with Steve and Fred, look at how to make all the ideas work.

Wright proposes that Virzi meet again with Correia to keep communication lines open. If we do the RFP's then we should develop a board and the Economic Development committee should have a set on that board.

Discussion on request from the Water Conservation Committee to do a presentation/project at the Wayland Town Beach. Commission okays this as long as McShea gives approval to project/presentation first.

Foster motion to adjourn. Second Wright. Vote unanimous in favor.

Next meeting March 7, 2011 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm.