

**Wayland Recreation Commission  
Minutes  
January 3, 2012  
Recreation Meeting**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm with BOS and DPW.

Regular Recreation Commission meeting called to order at 8:10pm.

Foster motion to accept minutes, bills and payroll as provided. Second Gayshan. Vote unanimous in favor.

Virzi - field proposal \$500,000 to fin.com. not for 2 fields at the middle school need to bring fin.com. alternate proposal. Also need to amend 5 year capital plan 2013-2018.

McShea - updated board on \$350,000 Alpine reconstruction plan, irrigation, Little League Field and t-ball field as was discussed by Don Ouellette.

Virzi - minimize impact; favorability; adding activities, costs ect. Should be factors looked at when prioritizing list.

Meliones- would like to see Claypit synthetic turf 8v8 field. Alpine favorite of mine. Loker did we contact Stu?

Foster - contacted Stu and Gerry Levin invited Gerry to next meeting.

Meliones - high school tennis courts; bleachers. Highway and Holiday Rd. tough one. Nike Site would be awesome. Septage and middle school tough not going anywhere.

Wright - biggest bang for the buck. Walked Holiday Rd. appealing because possibility of 3 fields. Neighborhood impact - look at infrastructure road can handle impact at Middle School. Least impact to the neighborhood. Concerned over Holiday Road. Middle School only 1 field like that it has parking and road already. DPW site for future if it evolves. Nike Site needs to be vetted with neighbors am concerned over the basketball court. Old Conn. Path problematic. Loker important to work with Stu. Intriguing between middle school, Holiday Road, Nike Site benefits from artificial turf at the high school. Lights? Would be key for artificial turf.

Gayshan - preference is to build artificial turf on existing fields- use these more than building new fields.

Foster - Nike Site good site. Strong consideration. Need additional baseball diamonds. Loker Recreation good area to consider. Middle School pitfalls that exist are tremendous hoops to go through - long shot to get this built. Least resistance is where? Alpine would be good as we would gain a 60' diamond and t-ball field. Agree with Stas putting in turf gets better bang for your buck.

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Gayshan - support putting turf in places that already have lights or would not change a lot with adding lights. Adding lights to DPW don't get as much objections or issues. Would rather do more development on existing and see more turf and less grass fields.

Foster - doing more with artificial surfaces allows you to rest grass fields. Highway garage site terrific option not sure when it becomes available.

Virzi - in the 5-10 year plan garage site might make sense.

Virzi- need 1 90'diamond; saw one place to get that. 2 multi-purpose fields and 3 60' diamonds, is what we need. Loker is a good site for 3 -60' diamonds, done in one shot and potential for funding assistance. Would rather use turf to get to capacity than to take down other space. Activities together better options. Tell Don it is wasted money to put a 60' diamond at Alpine if going to do 3 at Loker. Turf and lights at high school lots of use - already lights so minimal impact and school sports benefit. Great solution, concerned over Bruds concern over not getting additional capacity at the high school turf without lights. Old Conn. Path - 90' diamond near high school - long term grass fields. Could we turf Town Building or Alpine Field? We need to try to determine top choices for each field choice: 90' diamond, 3 -60' diamonds, 2 multi-use fields.

Wright - public meeting need to hear from neighborhoods. Neighbors might advocate for more use of turf fields. High School needs to have Justice brought into the loop - look at schedule for youth and middle school - 4:30 fields in use during the week at the middle school.

Virzi - put together 10 year plan then rewrite final report with Gale to reflect new plan. What to do over 5 years - draft and put out to the community to find out what is the most efficient and least impactive to community.

Wright - vet issues with neighbors to make aware of the plans. Gale report assumes something not valid; get feedback from Gale.

Virzi - Gale need projection go back with field priority list and 5 year plan for capital. \$500,000 in fy2013, \$1.2 million 2014-2016.

Foster - Need about 4 million dollars.

Virzi - Finance Committee potentially sustainable at that level.

Virzi - 3- 60' diamonds need where most sensible?

Meliones - Loker

Wright - Loker

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Virzi - motion to recommend evaluating Loker Recreation site for development of 3 60' diamonds as a priority by the Recreation Commission. Second Foster. Virzi intent just to say going to move forward if viable, feasible and affordable to do that. Vote unanimous in favor.

Wright - motion to recommend evaluating Nike Site for development of a full size multi-use field and 2 basketball courts as a priority by the Recreation Commission. Second Virzi. Vote unanimous in favor.

Virzi - motion to recommend evaluating artificial turf with lights at the high school as a priority of the Recreation Commission. Second Wright. Meliones question doing two light projects together, might save money. Vote unanimous in favor.

Wright - question how far along as we to satisfying short term goals?

Gayshan - need to decide garage site.

Gayshan- Motion to recommend turf field with lights at site of DPW/garage when it becomes available. Virzi amended change language to recommend evaluating artificial turf field with lights at site of DPW/garage contingent on when site become available as a future priority of the Recreation Commission. Vote unanimous in favor on amendment. Vote unanimous in favor.

Meliones - motion to notify DPW to take no action on Alpine Field until Recreation Commission completes field master plan. Second Virzi. Vote unanimous in favor. Virzi to notify DPW.

Virzi - 3 - 60' diamonds at Loker. Nike - multi-use. High school - turf and lights. DPW site - turf and lights. Other multi-use sites in town.

Wright/Virzi - suggest Holiday Road and Old Conn. Path with intention of 1 90'diamond and 1 multi-use field. On either site.

Wright - motion to recommend 1 90'diamond and 1 multi-use field at Holiday Road or Old Conn. Path as a priority of the Recreation Commission. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

Virzi - motion we recommend the following: septage site, middle school single field option, these two sites are second tier priorities for near term development. Second Meliones. Wright - unsure which is better. Foster - other sites remain as second tier options. If other sites work pursue, if not go back to other options. Gayshan we have 4 priorities and other potential options as indicated in the Gale report. Foster - all other fields not prioritized remain options. Wright - or say nothing. Gayshan - other options - unknowns at this point. Virzi - withdraws motion.

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Gayshan - put all remaining fields in Gale report onto others list.  
Discussion over. Second Gayshan - Virzi amend to include existing field renovations. Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment:

Tanya Largy - what is going on at Alpine Road? Wright - plan to shift field (soccer field to make 60' diamond).

Allen Pilipski - DAAC - Dudley Area Advisory Committee. Wright - great job on the committee. Invite to meetings.

Sheila Carel - if viable option middle school fields still exist then need to read letter, copy put into public record.

Bernie Grubstein - Joyce Road - School, used by BAYS and lacrosse. Additional parking is needed if you plan to put fields in. Need more parking, parking problems now. Don't assume more feasible there than anywhere else.

Tanya Largy - approach historical commission when settling on properties, work together. Maybe things you don't see or know they are there. Middle School features built in a ceremonial fashion - these should be preserved. Work together when focus on a place to figure out what is best.

Ed Miller - heard they are selling out housing near Nike Site. @ 8 houses may open up more land - government selling.

Carol Kaplan - Joyce Road - Wright said Middle School site has already been vetted? What does that mean? Went to forum on November 30<sup>th</sup> Tighe and Bond finished or not done? It is unclear. Wright we will decide if we will pursue more work on this site. Has study been completed? Suggestion what consideration of expense is in your mind? Do you have ball park of what willing to spend? Wright - budget in mind - if we left it to everyone it could get very expensive. \$500,000 for 2 fields then Tighe and Bond \$500,000 for 1 field then 2 fields more than doubled.

Marilyn Scimone - Joyce Road - ledge, how did Tighe and Bond ascertain this? Virzi 4 test holes. Ledge like you wouldn't believe.

Sheila Carel - talked about how unless voted at town meeting. Understanding ceremonial ground is important if it remains an option.

Wright - Tighe and Bond may not be any money left, not in favor of spending any more money on this field.

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Virzi - historical commission should go to town meeting to ask for money to do these types of studies.

Gayshan - we as a board like to hear what people have to say and make decisions based on what people have to say. Need to investigate other sites that seem more feasible.

McShea - talked to commission about Christine Baldwin beginning work.

Wright - sort out the issues - commission to delve into this and look into 25 year deal. Work as a group as to what's reasonable and move it forward.

Gayshan - you can't have control over budget and policy but not staff - doesn't make sense, makes it irrelevant, and otherwise doesn't make any sense. Written interpretation makes sense; verbal interpretation of the bylaw doesn't make sense.

Discussion about BOS meeting.

Meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 with field user groups, 7:00 fin. com. Meeting.

January 17<sup>th</sup> budget meeting 7:00.

Wright request knowing when to be at DPW meeting.

Virzi- quarterly meeting with BOS and DPW.

Virzi - written guidelines and DPW meetings.

Wright - written guidelines will work on this.

Next meeting Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Virzi motion to adjourn, second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.