

Wayland Recreation Commission

October 21, 2013

Present: McShea, Krasin, Wright, Foster, Gayshan (arrived 7:48)

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm

Krasin Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2013. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment: Lee Krasin, referee in Wayland for Soccer for 13-14 years. State of soccer fields have been degrading for years. Thinks it is time that we address playing conditions in Wayland. All one has to do is to look at the fields to realize that there are holes in the fields and that they are lacking adequate grass and safe playing surfacing. Hope the commission will address this sooner rather than later.

Bruce – address safety issue Gale report over use etc. Look at field usage multiplier numbers and actual usage numbers versus reservation numbers to determine what fields are being used and when and by who. It is important that we understand this and have real numbers represented before we determine which fields we should be constructing when. Everyone needs to be addressing this.

DPW Field closing – Wright, I spoke to Turkington about this before. McShea only closed fields during non-use. Wording of DPW closures is very confusing, are games on, are they not on. Not have message going out making a predetermination on weekend field closures and don't anticipate based on weather. Don't make field decisions for the weekend. Send emails only when closed due to safety issue. Wright made a motion to have DPW stop sending out daily field messages, only send out when closed. And Wright will talk with John S. and ask for DPW to comply. Second Krasin. Vote unanimous in favor.

Touch a Truck – still scheduled at middle school. Wright let's look back at where we can put the fields. Perhaps look at the high school for that one day. Loop in with soccer to move for one date.

Middle school conflict – middle school teacher workshop conflict with middle school soccer micro soccer about 300 kids. Ended up with a police detail 4 hour minimum at \$45 per hour. Wright send memo to McShea and then send to John S and send out to improve communication. Nothing scheduled without coordinating with us.

Don Ouellette- asked about \$6600 to be spent on ice rinks for this winter. Foster towns folk helped to put the rinks in and get them up and functional. DPW helped tremendously in this effort as well. \$6000 to erect a better rink system? Wright I don't know that what we have now is not adequate for the level of what we currently use. For now not in favor of that expenditure for the ice rinks.

Wright – Krasin, McShea, and myself spent an amount of time to review the proposals and we are recommending Gale Associates. Krasin I make a motion that we recommend Gale Associates pending funding. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor. McShea to talk with John Moynihan about price proposals and see if Gale can meet the price.

Krasin – concern over the Riverview agreement. Seemed that there was a disconnect over how this MOA happened right now. Wright on the verge of trying to move forward a master plan project. And we need to vet this back through the recreation commission to make sure that this intent fits into our master plan process. Good that they have materials and labor in kind but need to vet in part of the bigger picture. Wright makes more sense to reach out to Don and talk with baseball and review with them and then review with the commission and put into a place holder or a sequence that makes sense with the master plan. Krasin reviewed law and how it applies to the recreation commission and keeping us in the loop.

Jesse Addleman was intended to bring to the Recreation Commission to move this forward.

McShea presented capital plan to the commission and the 5 year capital plan. No discussion

Wright – plan is to present Gale Associates findings to date. McShea to update the commission plan. And to hear from each of the user groups. Asked Gale Associates to take actual use by fields by dates, what is driving the demand.

Cummings – seems like we are adding another, new factor to the report. Would like to know where they have done this before so we can review that.

Eric Roise from Gale Associates – would look at overall use.

Wright – what do you really want?

Challenges around space between two different facilities for one sport. What do you need ideally for space? How do we account for out of town use versus in town use? Different fields can accommodate only certain sports.

Eric Roise that is difficult to determine usage with in or out of town leagues.

Gale Associates presentation- we did original master plan for the school and town in 2010. Looked at usage numbers this summer and trying to update groups and needs. Trying to get accurate numbers for what we are using for usage numbers. Updated on various fields and where groups were joined together to make one group such as adult teams, making soccer teams all users.

Wright need to add times multipliers to the use. Need to account accurately for the number of kids on a team.

Wright need to come up with a questionnaire of how we are going to assess the use on the field. Game day numbers need to be correct as well.

Cindy Oliver clear on what the true usage is. Number of teams and number of time on the fields and duration over the course of the season. How total use what is the abuse putting on the field over that period of time? Want to determine what the actual needs are?

Wright – put in for what would be ideal, not what your compromise has been. Not enough space to properly practice/schedule conflict that is not just wear and tear but also limited practice, safety and quality of use.

Mark Lucier – no fair way to really quantify this information. That is what is most important. The report is more of a guide of what we want to do.

Wright – moving forward with the master plan, need to wait until next fall town meeting, don't specify specific fields. Go for one article that appropriates money for all the major development and then is allocated over the next 5 years.

McShea – laid out the timeline of the potential field development. Over the next 5 years.

Cummings – pay for the study, great if it was accurate and relayed the needs of the town.

Krasin – playing on softball fields is unsafe to baseball folks.

Wright – your continued scrutiny is important and we want the continued feedback.

Oliver – current demand and current need.

Lucier – field development need make sure that project ready fields do not exceed the needs or priorities of the groups in need.

Wright – shovel ready projects may help solve other field needs. We need to get this report complete and get the field needs that are not shown on the field. Then come back to you as the users and give us feedback and then prioritize as one large group. Need to be united in a plan and priorities are sequenced.

Gayshan - sequencing will also free up some fields in the intern.

Eric Roise– Gale we can develop Loker without taking other fields off line.

Wright – we need to advocate for turf field at the middle school. With lights has to be a priority.

Wright – what can we do for you from a capital maintenance issue?

Lucier – storage space at the high school. Need for space. Need to work out plan with the school and conservation, DPW and Alf to see what we can find for space.

Field Maintenance Capital items – equipment needs at fields etc.

Moira Breen – mowing fields at a time that is more accommodating of field schedules.

Wright- lacrosse mowing issues, lining issues, grass too high. Lindeman- If you cut again you need to line again.

Krasin aren't we paying for two guys on the fields through the park department.

Gale Associates need information the sooner the better.

Actual turf field is wearing. Shedding more of recent.

Call Turf field personnel about the shedding field issue. Look into this.

Oliver in determining need and determining maintenance – see what DPW needs from demand. How can we help etc.

Wright how to do an analysis of work needed need to know what we are currently paying for now before we can determine it later.

Discussion about sites for the Loker what should go there follow up with DPW as well about costs to do business.

Foster Motion to approve bills and payroll Second Gayshan vote unanimous in favor

Next meeting November 18th at 7:00 pm

Krasin motion to adjourn. Second Foster vote unanimous in favor 9:15 pm