

Recreation Commission meeting

October 1, 2014

7:00 pm

Commissioners present – Brud, Asa, Frank, Anne

Welcoming of new Director, Jessica Brodie.

Public Comment: No comments.

Facility Use Pricing: Frank lead conversation. (see attached document). Need to clarify this fee schedule by January before the new field requests come in for the new year. Jessica to investigate fees and use numbers on fields. We also need to research how much of our Revolving Fund is made up of fees from fields. Find out how much maintenance money is needed each year to base fees off of this price.

- Youth League Field fees: Reduced cost of Wayland per player fee & non-Wayland player fee. Reduced bc they felt they were being over charged.
- Formal Adult League Field Fees:
 - o Atlantic League has 10 teams with only one team with all Wayland players
 - o Metro League has 8 teams in their league with no teams with all Wayland players
 - o The senior leagues do not have Wayland residents playing, so they wanted to capture the additional fee for non-residents using fields.
 - o 9-1 weekdays, 9-12 on weekends is when the adult teams rent the fields.
 - o Discussion about whether or not the number of uses (games) should be “maxed out” when renting the fields to ensure one league does not get many more uses per season vs other teams that may only use a field for far less times for the same fee.
- Bruce (guest) made a comment about how youth pay the same rate as higher level players and they use the fields much less. Jess to investigate whether or not it makes sense to charge more/less for various age groups and sports, or keep a uniform fee across the board for each sport.
- Public comment about how youth lacrosse factors in the one field fee for the season into the built in cost to your program.
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- Frank mentioned how lights cost \$6 per hour to have on at Coch. Baseball field, and we are charging \$25 per hour for the field. Lights were installed recently in past 7 years, along with poles (MUSCO Lights).
- Jessica to look into how the basketball lights operate (on timer or not). Frank requests those lights to be on 6pm – 9pm through November 1st, on in April until naturally light until 10pm. Costs \$0.60 per hour to have lights on. Find out what we rent that court out for.

Master Plan Discussion: Brud lead discussion with brief summary of the master plan. Loker was to include an 8v8, 11v11, & Baseball field. DPW field to include a turf multi-purpose field. Dudley woods to include passive trails. Nike site a potential location for Soccer (8v8 grass field), used to give fields at Claypit a rest.

- Nike Site: Jessica to research BETA’s history to confirm their prices are accurate or too low/high? Get comparison quotes from GALE and one other company to get a reasonable sense of true cost before contracting into design phases. If the field can be done for less than GALE’s quote of \$850k then maybe there would be support for it, but some feel that price is too high to support that and other fields in other locations as well. Comparison between GALE and BETA quotes is

needed for this site to make sure they are quoting the same spec of work. This project could take away momentum for a turf field at another location.

- Jessica to get 3 new quotes to be for grass (sod), irrigated, with at least 25 spaces (adequate parking)
- Loker Site: GALE has updated the quotes for this project and gotten it down to 1.3 million for an 11 v 11 and a 60' Baseball diamond. Public comment about how this location is not ideal for an 11v11 or 8v8 at this site. An artificial turf field would be better at the high school. The thought for Loker is a natural grass field at Loker. There has not been enough site work at this location yet to determine what fields can actually fit there with the topography of the land. Rec is waiting to here from GALE for new quote for this site of either one baseball field or one 11v11. General thoughts are that this site may cost too much to develop.
 - Soccer – artificial turf field would be better at H/S, and an 8v8 would not benefit them
 - There is \$85,000 set aside for the initial phases of development at the Loker site – Wetlands delineation, survey work, test pits. The commission wants to do the first phase of what was contracted with GALE (above), “preliminary design phase” for the site, and then depending on results, most likely release GALE if too expensive. Commission wants to go ahead with just the survey work done by GALE and no design work to follow.
- DPW Site: The Library and Rec Commission feel they can work together on this site to gather support for a turf field and library at the same site. Brud & Jessica recently met with the Library and School Committee to briefly discuss this idea and gather support/comments for this project. School committee is meeting October 6th and will discuss these plan options further and provide their input.
 - Brud wants input from School committee about which site is more ideal for a turf field – high school over an existing baseball field, or turf at MS/ DPW site?
 - Stephen commented on his idea to turf an existing grass field at the HS over an existing grass field. The question is where to schedule the Varsity and JV baseball teams. Highlighted how current fields can not be used until mid-April because they are so wet. They get used approx. 8 hrs a day for 8 weeks.
 - Lacrosse feels the HS would be a better site for a turf field because everything is there and parking is there.
 - Soccer feels the HS is an ideal location because of lining options for various size fields. Thought to then address resting issue at Claypit. Need for 8v8 fields is greater need than 11v11. Need to look into the current maintenance of existing fields and goal mouth areas.
 - Reality is that turf is needed more than natural grass field because of the flooding issues at all the current locations in Wayland. Turf would allow greater usage over natural grass.
 - Library is currently working on obtaining a Grant for possible funding for the DPW site. They do not have formal plans because they have not hired anyone, but did work with Alf in surveyors to come up with an informal sketch of possible options.
 - Largest concerns about turf at high school or even MS is scheduling with future conflicts with large school events.
- The COA in theory will go to area at Town Center, with our board in favor of this idea. Library to go to the DPW site in theory. The Library would get 45% from state potentially, to help off set parking.
- Ideally, having a turf field at both the DPW site and High school would be best, but financially the HS may be best site for one turf field. The Rec Commission will take the thoughts of the

School Committee very seriously in considering the best location for a turf field. Then have GALE and BETA to evaluate true costs of locations either.

- The new library is being sought after because of existing space restraints, parking restrictions, etc.
- Overall, getting more information on ideal turf field location, then will gather support for that prior to next Town Meeting.
- There needs to be continued communication between Recreation, Schools, and DPW for maintenance of fields and scheduling. Signs on fields at Claypit needs to be added so fields can be identified.

Long Range Capital Plan:

- Capitol Field Maintenance: Increase the 75k requested to 125k (this was original amount in years past)
- Hannah Williams Playground: Commission discussed how this site is still missing a piece of playground equipment. Agreed to take this off the requests for this year and move to 2017 when we have more accurate figures in place for new additions and drainage work that needs to be done.
 - Public comment about how there is a sub committee for this site that provided input on this playground. The site needs to be completed because it has no road appeal, needs drainage repairs, and what the missing piece of equipment is.
- Dudley Woods – Requesting \$129,760 for construction and designing phases for this site.
- Loker Recreation Area – Voted to take Loker request out
- DPW or High School turf field – changed name of this request to include High school if that ends up being the best possible site to design a turf field. Requesting \$150,000 for this year and \$1.5 estimate for 2017.
- Nike Site – Move the Design portion to 2016 and construction to 2017. Design estimate is \$20,000 and construction is \$147,000 for FY17.
- Splash Pad- move request for 200k to 2018.
- Stas – motion to approve, Frank 2nd. All in favor.

Public Comment: No comments.

Topics not previously anticipated: Jessica working on new website. Would like to meet Monday nights.

Next meeting Monday, October 20th. At 7:00pm
October 6th with School committee meeting at 6:00pm.

Frank is the liason with COA committee for community center. Jessica to assist with this also.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25. Anna motion, Stas 2nd. All in favor.