

Wayland Recreation Commission
Minutes
January 15, 2014
Recreation Meeting

Present: Foster, Wright, Krasin, Meliones, Comeau-Palmer

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Minutes – Review and approve draft minutes from Dec. 16

Foster motion to approve minutes as presented, Krasin Second. Vote unanimous in favor.

Bills and payroll hold until Jan. 22 meeting

Hold Nov. 18 minutes until next meeting; copies of draft and Oliver's suggested corrections will be emailed to commissioners to review

Public comment –

Cummings – thank you for looking at data for GALE report; look at resources; scheduling and safety issues

Discuss filed field use data provided by users for inclusion in GALS report:

Present: Mark Lucier, Shawn Fennelly, Bruce Cummings, Cindy Oliver, Reed Newton, Steve Correia, Moira Breen, Rich Cormier, Tony Boschetto, Bob Virzi, Jesse Adelman, Stephen Cass

Foster – concern WBSA numbers were not represented at last meeting; felt the need to schedule another meeting to present by WBSA rep; set date for Jan. 15 on non-selectmen meeting night

Wright – called Tony about being present; request Boschetto to review numbers; distributed copies for review

Boschetto -reviews WBSA Field Use Data submittal spread sheet how fields are allocated pg 3 - spring; explained report; Wayland Youth and Blazers separate teams

Wayland Babe Ruth program – program has been successful with middle school as well as high school level

Wright questions Alpine Field – BAYS use for practice only

Discussion on field use hours for baseball and comparison between baseball vs soccer usage with numbers of participants as well as football and lacrosse

No youth big league group (Babe Ruth) in town, practice with other teams playing- rotating on big league diamond; softball the same way playing with multiple towns against a Wayland team; summer plays in community youth league;

Meliones - Youth organizations differ on how they use fields

Correia – comment on 7700 hours reduced to 4400 hours usage for baseball;

Wright – not anyone's fault; GALE took reservation hours not use; rec did not catch so went back and asked for actual use; today talking about actual use

Boschetto – tried our best to come up with accurate data; issue spring – not right mix of fields and does not meet the capacity; based on how each field is used; softball fields for baseball usage; softball plays on Happy Hollow, etc.

Wright – more important how to identify correct usage of fields and number of fields; soccer 5 teams using 11v11 on town building field at one time; over utilizing fields

Oliver – spring major concern; fall less of an issue and conflicts;

Boschetto – focus on providing numbers; refine areas of concern

Correia – last year looked at numbers and data; 3 new fields recommended

Wright - keep numbers as they are; wording in articles says fields; if no angst in user group about numbers then will have support at Town Meeting

Blazers – 3 kids per team about 5 teams; club team non-resident

Wright – take out the Blazer numbers as non-resident team and then numbers might be closer

Not a shortage of fields just shortage of the proper sized fields

Convert softball to baseball – too small to do so

Boschetto – big diamond numbers not pulled out as yet; offering program in Wayland is a benefit to the kids; finding room is important

Correira – Possibly look at club opportunities in Wayland – separate analysis not for GALE report

Numbers – risk factor of field closings; reporting how many times fields closed

Wright – turfing JV football ?

Next rec commission, get numbers submitted, new priorities for master plan; invite back to look at punch list; go for one article that all can support one project at a time; high on list DPW garage area – cap area and write article for turf field with lights

Lucier – on DPW site to have approval prior to; combine with capping and remediation potential savings; light restriction

Wright – how do we get request in for the DPW site; options in report; include in the plan; note #1 choice, etc

Cass – consider stadium, new stands (ADA), lights, never build field with track; school budget

Wright – get together with Cass and McShea about entire school package

Stadium lights – whose budget? School/facilities

Wright – asked all users to share thoughts

Mark – be united with GALE report to support the master plan

Oliver – be clear with validity of data crucial; town voters need to see support

Adelman – make sure all are united with data before supported for GALE report

Correira – GALE did not catch some of these issues; should have known;

Breen – should there be a statement they should be providing; make up games, lacrosse not possible

Wright – agree on data, bring Erik back, define what teams are for different sports/numbers – team factor; shows overcrowding – data will show; current volume of usage may show wear and tear factors; shortages of fields; is all included?; have spreadsheet available to mark up and wrap up; give all other challenges are groups that would impact recommendations

Oliver – frustrating, process not efficiently moving forward, has it been done before? If experts they should have known what to ask the questions.

Cummings – spot check with other towns on information

Wright - Update on Dudley Advisory Group – all land except 4 parcels earmarked and held back some land; borrowing funds or CPC to turn into affordable housing, not to increase; 4 parcels would be reverted to rec for trails, parking, dog walking, etc.

Wright – update on beach pergola and sand; he will talk to Nancy, Moynihan, and Stubby about sand needed for next meeting

Items not anticipated- none

Public Comment – none

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 22 Recreation Commission Meeting