

Wayland Recreation Commission
Minutes
July 22, 2014
Recreation Meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Bills and payroll – Wright signed bills and approved payroll

Minutes – Review and approve draft minutes from July 2

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

Minutes – Sub Committee – Facility Use Fee Schedule – July 7

Apologize to public – 2 commissioners met to review Facility Use fees and report back to commission but presented open meeting law issue

Krasin generated minutes from meeting

Wright motion to approve Sub Committee minutes from July 7 as presented, Foster second. Vote unanimous in favor.

Director's final report –

McShea provided list to Commission with items related to daily management of the department moving forward. Field related projects, staffing suggestions, field scheduling updates, developments at Town Beach (completed and to be completed by fall), payment systems, new rules from IRS to watch for, need to support Athletic Director, communication vs accountability. Suggest Recreation Commission needs to look at the big picture of recreation beyond field development. Overall thanks to Wayland for years with the department.

Questions and follow up discussion to director's report –

Wright – need to increase relationship with schools- many issues; define who does what to help facilitate.

Capital – collaborate efforts – begin now to reach out to users – hosting Dudley Advisory Board, table at Touch a Truck event; talk up Master Plan; weekly editorial with capital work being done; users needed to vote; come up with a 'catchy campaign', talk to COA folks & other groups, Fin Com, Selectmen, other departments but mostly get committed.

Meliones – McShea leaving is Wayland's loss & Sudbury's gain

Foster – McShea an asset to community, blessed to have you; integrity never questioned

Wright – need for safeguards – firmly believe Rec. Dept. has been transparent, monies well tracked; McShea's excellent watch guard for programs and users.

Wright – MS backstop – capital maintenance fund – available now – Lindeman needs to get quotes

Status of Riverview irrigation money – not lost ±\$20,000 – Wright to follow up with Stubby
HS basketball court – follow up with Stubby – repainting – previous years done by Park Dept.

Wright – Need to generate a department policy book; Meliones to see if she can location old version;

Comeau-Palmer – pull together manuals, beach policies, job descriptions, etc.

Director's search update –

Foster – met as committee to discuss how to go through interview process and review 5 resumes selected by McShea, Senchyshyn and committee; set up interviews first week in August; first round done in one day; goal to hire early to mid-September

Public Comment –

Bill Sterling – COA – asked to be put on August agenda, 20 minute presentation. Plan originated through Planning Committee to renovate existing former day care building to house future Community Center/COS at Town Center.

Julie Secord – COA Director – question on age to define senior; Federal Older American Act is set at 60 years +. Goal is uniformity throughout town.

User Fee update and discussion –

Bob Virzi – preliminary meeting – how to improve user fee schedule

Meliones – look at surrounding communities – Waltham, Natick, etc.

Foster – Weston allows no out of town groups on any of their fields

Wright – User Fee – out of town revenue – evaluate

Turf when not in use – no issue; grass fields – potential for over use

Krasin – prime time vs non-prime time rentals

Foster – possibility to rent hourly & seasonally

Wright – on soccer board – if field ‘dormant’ – push to another field, overflow option – soccer & lacrosse

Virzi – Facility Use Committee – 1st meeting oversight not to post; future meeting at Town Building;

Review fee structure – ex. WW Crew – fee pp – % of monies put towards turf field upkeep; figure out what are the costs, who uses what fields – those groups support those fields

Wright – hold public meeting – invite various user groups to come

Virzi – review principals to rent fields – what is the goal – youth sports, adult sports, in-town sports?

Wright – put in effect starting spring season

Virzi – phased in transition to schedule

Krasin – will evolve – may take 3 -5 years; goal to make as fair as possible

Gale report and master plan discussion –

Wright – suggested to take home final handout for approval at next meeting; review master spread sheet for field use; page 4 – incorporated field use multiplier and field event multiplier

Results if did 2 things – show results if removed multi user multiplier and out of town usage – different numbers; support schools – request they be consulted

Foster – need conclusion on Gale Report

Wright – would like to explore with schools

HS complex – Gale – turf JV baseball/football

Football – lights & turf JV field (in early Gale Report)

Look to collaborate with school to meet needs of school & recreation

Foster – responsibility - school or rec?

Wright – move ahead with master plan – Middle School – turf with lights?

Lights at Riverview? Neighborhood support?

Gale – at Loker – design and soil on hold

Wright – next meeting – bring comments & concerns to myself or Valerie and will forward to Eric

Issues no reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours before the meeting –

Wright – amount to trigger approval of for department expenses from Commission – table until August meeting

Wright – overview of license agreement with Carmine Pompeo, 119 Dudley Road to address the retaining wall and give him permission to use the land for a finite period of time. Discussed at July 2nd meeting. Commission signed the lease.

Public Comment –

Colleen Sheehan – chair of Planning Board

1. Rail Trail – next 1 – 2 years becomes a reality; request it be put in the Master Plan; consider planning – permits & design issues; look at other funding options – passive recreation; looking for ownership; now long term leased by lease with MBTA/NSTAR; If Recreation is not interested, will seek alternate overseer
Town Developer has earmarked money for phase 1 – Rte. 27 Depot through Town Center to Russell's & stops at Rte. 20.

Foster – suggests inviting Larry/Colleen to next commission meeting for overview – est. 30 minutes

2. Fin Com – Long Term Planning – objectives and goals – lead on subcommittee on town properties; Krasin volunteered to join committee

Vote – Wright make motion for Krasin to sit on long term planning committee; Foster second per FinCom request; unanimous in favor

Wright – consensus – rail trail should be taken on as recreation project; plan to take ownership

Mike Lowrey – Rail Trail a great thing with numerous possibilities for Recreation

Thank you for Mr. Pompeo's situation & lease

Saturday, July 25 – 4 – 6:00pm – Dudley Pone – Bands on Boats

Owner of pontoon boat – invited commission out to survey Dudley Pond

Expansion of grass fields – long term planning and maintenance

Krasin – Schwartz field rental – verify schedule to DPW to line JV & Varsity fields for this rental – Nancy submitted

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 20 Recreation Commission Meeting