

Wayland Recreation Commission

Minutes

June 4, 2014

In attendance Foster, Krasin, Wright, Meliones, McShea

Meeting called to order 7:10pm.

Foster Motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2104. Second Meliones. Discussion - Krasin, what is EMASS paying for the season. McShea explains \$600 per season for EMASS. McShea comments that she fixed spelling errors that Meliones emailed her about. Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Comment – Linda Segal – BOS reported Monday 6/2 at their meeting that they were looking at the structure of recreation and at having a new director. She reported that Joe Nolan had stated that he had spoken to the chair of the Recreation Commission and the Chair of Public Works and that there may be an appetite for putting Park and Recreation back under one umbrella. Not sure how much gets back to you (the commission). Not clear on what is in the budget and how the full time recreation director would be funded? No pulse on your take on it. Not sure why it is not an agenda item on the recreation commission agenda. Might want to watch the Way Cam version of the BOS meeting to see what was said.

Wright – we have new rules for public comment- don't respond, have unchallenged comments. Then we can discuss anything heard at public comment and ask public questions if need to. This is formalized a bit to maintain a decorum of civility.

McShea commented that the revolving fund is a 53 E1/2 account and as such can pay salaries so if there is a question as to how to pay the other half of the recreation director salary this would be a viable option.

Krasin – tell me again how much are we charging EMASS softball?

Wright – Gale has done up a draft of the Town Wide Athletic Field Usage Study Update 2014. Wright went over the introduction and pointed out key areas like hours to events and that 200 -250 events pushes the limits on fields and over 250 is considered unsustainable for growing turf. He also went through columns for field usage multiplier and how it is unique to each sport and the multiple events per field multiplier.

Discussion ensued about the report and reviewing the data and word smithing the document. Noted to remove all references to Park within the document.

Discussion on need for 2 60'-baseball fields. Need 5 days a week. Talked about could you light an existing field? If so where? Art King? Riverview? Foster- would parents be upset over having kids up

late with lights during the week? Krasin –recommend 1 more field, this would accommodate 6 more teams. Foster – 1 field would do 6 more teams with lights this would be 8 teams. Foster if we built one field and added lights to one existing field (baseball) would this eliminate softball fields from being used for baseball?

Wright – recommend removing microsoccer or recommend adding 8v8 to the summary table. Turf field can accommodate 2 8v8 fields side by side. Loker 8v8 and Loker 1 – 60’ upper, baseball and open space to be used. Lower – 8v8 field. Possible options.

Foster – then maybe go for lights at Riverview.

Wright – then if we get baseball off of Claypit we could change one softball field at Claypit to 8v8 field.

Wright – on going issue at Middle School is the library, library might have federal matching funds. Sarkis said might have access to bathrooms etc if we work together.

Meliones – how does lacrosse fall into the turf field?

Wright – soccer and lacrosse would need to share facilities. Football would like to use new turf field if we had one. Do we want to go with one plan that is conservative and combine all into 1 package and go for it all at once? Like one big master plan and package?

Foster – what amount would you carry for inflation cost under a scenario such as this? How do you account for growth over the 5 years?

Wright – what about trails at Dudley Woods? We should add this to the agenda after June 9th meeting and invite the Dudley Woods groups to talk about trails and design system and discuss costs.

Foster – if done right many folks will support this concept.

Wright – next meeting when Gale comes to present Eric will explain the methodology. We will get feedback from the users then at the meeting after that hopefully we will vote this in and work on the Master Plan.

Public Comment – Sam Potter – field problems are very apparent, parents are upset about fields. Now is the time to strike. Glad to hear about potential parallel field development of baseball and soccer fields.

Linda Segal – Glad Gale will present findings and present data. Might want to have Way Cam tape the meeting. Heard the library has a limited window to get funding for development so have heard conflicting news about what timing issues the library has in regards to funding. Current library building should be continued to be used for town uses not business spaces is the thinking of some in town. What is the best use of spaces we currently have before we build new?

Sam Potter – seen plans with library (9 options) I would encourage you to pursue one of the options that does not require you to be contingent on building a library in order to build the field.

Linda Segal – 9 options posted on planning site. Try to have people remember that years ago State Rep. got funding for swale across the street from DPW. It was built to protect Dudley Pond and is a drainage structure. Was built by 3 different groups. Was a federally funded project. Options being shown was work of many different folks.

Sam Potter- landscape architect put it all together.

Wright – email from John S. about the process to replace the Recreation Director. Panel as stated in letter dated 6/4/14. Put together a 5 member interview committee: 2 recreation commission members, 1 former recreation commission member, 1 finance committee member and 1 personnel board member.

Krasin – question on whether the commission would then get to vote on who they hire.

McShea explained that the representation of the commission is on the panel and that is where the vote comes in. The candidate is not then brought before the commission for a vote.

Meliones motion to establish an interview committee composed of 2 current recreation commission members, 1 former recreation commission member, 1 finance committee member and 1 personnel board member. Second Foster. Vote unanimous in favor.

Wright asked Virzi if he would be interested in representing the former member position. He is not available for that but would be available to work on a field fee committee. Wright set up a field fee committee and asked Foster and Krasin to work with Virzi on this.

McShea brought up soccer not paying the spring payment yet. Commission asked her to send soccer a letter asking them to pay the fee by the end of next week.

Wright –field use policy – Stephen Kadlik not closing fields. Do we want DPW to make the call or leave it up to the user?

Meliones- I think DPW should be making the call. On the weekends the user needs to make it yes.

Krasin – recreation doesn't have the man power to make the call.

McShea explained the oversight of \$25k from being put into the recreation general fund budget and how this was not caught by anyone and how the DPW is now \$25k short on supplies that are a result of the field users. Examples, field paint, portable toilets ect. McShea asked that the commission approve the transfer of \$25k from the revolving account to the DPW to cover these expenses for FY14.

Foster motion to transfer \$25,000 to cover DPW expense for field maintenance from revolving fund for FY 14. Second Krasin. Vote unanimous in favor.

McShea to ask Brian Keveny to set up paying of the \$25,000 in the future through the recreation department and not through the DPW having the bills and Recreation transferring a lump sum of money to the DPW.

Wright – clarify beach opening policy – we open when 70 degrees and sunny. McShea that is correct.

Krasin – questioned when the call is made to open or close. It was sunny on May 31 yet the beach was closed. McShea- stand behind decision to keep beach closed as it was not 70 out.

Foster – how was the beach walk? Was everything done and in good order?

Wright – railroad ties need to be replaced. Stone dust path needs to be paved. Floor in office has been repaired; tree work is being done. Question splash up from the shower whether that will rot out the wood quickly around the shower enclosure? Deck to be painted prior to full time opening on June 14.

Foster- have looked at outsourcing. Spoke to Doug MacDougall in Weston, proposals should be done in next 5-10 days, he will send proposal once he has it done. Is getting one for mowing, trash removal, and outsourcing field maintenance.

McShea went over Mark Lanza's reponse on the 3 questions that the commission asked at the May 22nd meeting. Commission asked McShea to email the response to them.

Wright motion to require the Recreation Director to obtain written approval for any single expenditure over \$10,000 prior to paying the bill on that item. Second Krasin. Vote unanimous in favor.

Wright – Kadlik put in resume for DPW Director job.

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

Next meeting June 9, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.