

**Wayland Recreation Department
Draft Minutes
March 30, 2015
Recreation Meeting**

Present: Brud Wright, Asa Foster, Frank Krasin, Jessica Brodie

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm – taped by WayCam

Public Comment:

No one present to comment.

Approval of Payroll & Bills:

March 9th & March 16th - Asa motions to accept minutes as presented, Frank 2nd. All in favor (0-0-3)

- Asa had one question about teachers as residents

Town Meeting Articles

Discussion about summary sheet of Warrant Articles.

- Oxbow Meadows
 - o Brud to speak on behalf of this article at Town meeting.
 - o Lenore Travis sent her comments about this article to Jessica via email asking why not explore the existing Alpine site as a location to build an additional field instead of the Nike Site. Reasoning for this was discussed as the Alpine site being very wet, busy in use, and not as much available space.
- Dudley Woods Trails & Parking
 - o Anna may be the one to present this article for CPC. Brud is comfortable to speak on it after the initial presentation.
- Capital Field Maintenance
- Community Center
 - o Jessica & Frank met briefly with Bill Sterling prior to the meeting to discuss potential questions at town meeting
 - o Bill Sterling and Rich Correra to present article at town meeting
 - o Jess to email everyone the list of priorities and needs for the community center

Field Master Plan Discussion

- Loker site – Jess & Brud to meet with Bill Seymour tomorrow, March 31st to discuss the timeline of designing the option #2 that was selected by the commission in a previous meeting.
 - o This site will need to be irrigated because of the DPW bylaw restrictions on irrigations systems in town limited any irrigation system to less than 15,000 square ft.
 - o Ideally, both the rectangular field and baseball field would be constructed at the same time as well, but since baseball numbers are on the decline, Brud worries showing the need for this larger expense than just renovating a baseball field at Claypit.
 - o CPC funds would be sought after for this project
 - o Renovating the existing softball field at Claypit would be less money to construct than a new field at Loker, but it would take a field used currently off-line for potentially two whole seasons.
 - o Brud suggested getting something in writing from the school committee about their approval for Recreation to build a new baseball field over the existing softball field at Claypit Hill School.
- New Turf Field – At the user field meeting a lot of interest was suggested to construct an enclosed (“bubble”) artificial turf field somewhere in town.
 - o The commission would like to investigate this further to find out general pricing estimates and possible locations for something like this.
 - o Jess briefly explained “bubbles” vs. steel structured facilities and what the benefits and differences are between the two

- Locations were discussed as alternatives to the middle school (old DPW site) as possible places to construct a turf field – Cow Commons, Greenways, and others.
- DPW site is still the ideal location for a new artificial turf field because of its proximity to the schools and public access.
- Discussion about field Master Plan along with departmental Master Plans that could address a variety of concerns – financial structure, facility management, program cost recovery/pricing, mission statement, etc.
- H/S Turf Field – currently a lot of work is being done to bring the field in compliance with DEP & conservation.
 - The turf field needs to be vacuumed & groomed before it can safely be opened for the spring season.
 - Stubby, Jess, & Ben will continue to work together to come up with a long term plan for management of all recreational properties, especially turf field, moving forward.
- Custody & Management of school properties & playgrounds
 - This needs to be discussed further and will be added to next month’s agenda.
- Field fees & Policies
 - Should teachers be able to be charged as residents?
 - Brud motion to approve any town employee having the same status as a resident for forming a team. Asa 2nd, all in favor.
 - Jess brought up discussion about private companies requesting to use town facilities for private camps and clinics.
 - Proformance Soccer Camp CAN run their April vacation camp as they have been, but must become a vendor in the future
 - Special Olympics can be offered the resident rate, but can not use the gym for no charge
 - Tennis Court fees should be evaluated

Department Finances

- Revolving fund and spending cap discussion to take place after town meeting

New Turf Field Update

- This was discussed in the above portions of the meeting. In summary, the Recreation Commission would like to construct an additional, new artificial turf field somewhere in Wayland. Possibly sites being considered include the old DPW site at the Middle School or the High School JV Baseball field area.

Spring & Summer Department Updates

- Beach Opening Memorial Day Weekend
- Department structure & mission – long discussion about staffing levels and need for more staff.

Public Comment:

- None.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of meeting, if any:

- Frank mentioned the storage container that the W/W Crew Team will be taking from WBSA and moving to the town beach for storage. Jess to write up a letter of agreement that outlines the requirements for storing the container at the beach:
 - Color of paint, power to evict, renew every year, responsible for any damages, recreation not responsible for theft.

Adjourn – Asa motion, Frank 2nd. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

