

WAYLAND RECREATION FIELD USER ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

In Attendance: Jessica Brodie (Recreation Department, Director), Reed Newton (Field User Advisory Group, Chair), Heidi Seaborg (Recreation Commission, Member), Thruston “Brud” Wright (Recreation Commission, Chair), Paul Nechipurenko (Wayland Adult Field Use Representative), Asa Foster (Recreation Commissioner), Alexia Obar (Wayland Youth Soccer), Katherine Brenna (Recreation Department), Chris Maietta (WW Crew), Frank Krasin (Recreation Commission), Mike Martins (Wayland Youth Soccer) and John Taxiarchis (Field User Advisory, Secretary/Wayland Youth Lacrosse).

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

7:05 **Public Comment** – None

7:05 **Approval of previous Meeting Minutes** – No minutes from past meeting as of the calling of this General Meeting.

7:10 **Discussed Field Scheduling.** Stressed the utilization of the user group’s dedicated fields liaison to reduce redundancy. Reminder of the duty to instruct coaches and users of any issues (dogs, trash, etc). Suggested that there is a need for better communication between Recreation, DPW and AD. Items discussed for addition to to-do list.

Issue of trash from over use. Needs to be accountability. Also suggested additional communication for reminder. Becomes an issue for DPW when they mow. Some of the issues may be attributed to unorganized or non-authorized user groups. Additional signage and extra barrels suggested to assist in rectifying the problem.

Discussed signage or maps and rules to identify the fields. Signage/bulletin board idea is definitely a need. There may be an eagle scout(s) to take it on as a project. Alternatively, a landscape architect might be able to assist in a uniform approach. Chris Maietta suggested that we may be able to utilize the BAC on a pro bono project basis or hire someone like Weston and Sampson to do it.

Miscellaneous. In terms of lining the fields Recreation Department needs as much warning as possible, even in the prior year. HS equipment issue: one of the soccer goals got damaged.

7:23 **Field user and gym user fees.** Discussed the issue of Cochituate Field is getting hit with two separate charges for use of lights. Demand charge and a delivery charge. July/August charges amounted was \$889+/- was only the demand charge. Then 500+/- for the delivery charge. That field lost money for those two months. Suggestion is that there might be able to shop the vendors (which is handled by Facilities). Suggestion is to compare to the HS turf (which may be different since it is school property).

- 7:30 **Future field user needs for each sport.** TBD discussed as there is a 10-year capital plan in the works. Recreation is now asking for an informal letter setting forth needs (which are not to be confused with reservations) from each user group.
- 7:34 **Fall Town Meeting proposed Articles.** One article is for the town wide strategic plan and the other is for the feasibility study. Both are for stabilization funds. If approved it will happen after the fall meeting. Idea to split articles to directly reference the grass and turf field needs as well as clarify that the article is focused on the study only and study the whole site.
- 7:48 **DPW site select by Library.** Aida Gennis spoke on behalf of the Library Planning Committee. Small group planning meetings have been occurring. Planning and design study groups have been meeting with architects. Frank Krasin has questions regarding accommodating the library, transparency and the timeframe when it comes to involving the Recreation Commission. Discussion surround the need for at least 85 contiguous parking spaces is needed for the purposes of obtaining state grants and how that will affect the field desired. Library announced their selection of the Main Stree site on August 2, 2016. There is a dire need to reach a consensus and the general feeling is that the Recreation Commission isn't being given full access to their plans (in light of the Library not wanting to present to the public until clear). There was further discussion regarding the use of the 207 Main Street lot for bus and pickup queuing.
- 8:31 **Topics not reasonably anticipated** by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting – None.
- 8:35 **Next Advisory Group Meeting** – October 17, 2016 at 7:15pm, large conference room in Town Hall.
- 8:40 **Adjourn**