

TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Field Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017 AT 7:00PM

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778

Held in Large Hearing Room, videotaped and broadcast by [WayCAM](#)

Present	Asa Foster, Chair; Frank Krasin; Heidi Seaborg; Chris Fay; Brud Wright Recreation: Ed Sanderson, Katherine Brenna
Absent	None.
Field Advisory Group Members	Mike Lowery, Chris Maietta (WWRA), Paul Nechipurenko (Adult Soccer, WAYS) Reed Newton (Chair, WAYS)

7:00 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Heidi Seaborg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Lowery (representing himself, not the Board of Public Works) – the Recreation Commission will be competing for capital project funds with a number of other projects at possibly fall and spring town meeting, including the library project. The library project could eat the capital money for field improvements for the next 4 years. If approved, the library project will likely cost up to \$20 million in town funds (the remaining through a grant from the state). The town is facing approximately \$75 million in capital improvement expenditures, not including the high school field improvement needs. He is worried that recreation field users will be left out in the cold.

Asa – Rec Commission and School Committee have begun conversations with FinCom and will present to BOS to get everyone on the same page in terms of high school and other recreation priorities and needs. Need to stress safety issues of turf field and overused fields because this is something FinCom will pay attention to. Feels like higher priority, as conditions pose safety risks. Have some existing funds in Stabilization Funds, to support these projects.

Mike - agrees that safety is a good case to make to FinCom. He reiterates, there will be many choices for the residents to determine which capital projects to prioritize and library has done extensive marketing.

7:05 PM APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Reed Newton makes a motion to approve the March meeting minutes, 2nd by Paul Nechipurenko. 5-0-0.

7:28 PM DISCUSSION:

Heidi – requests that November 2016 meeting minutes be distributed to the Recreation Commission as she believes they were never distributed.

Reed and Paul - Find out if DPW will move 9v9 nets to Alpine for the fall 2018 season.

Ed - Update on Town Building Project: anticipated renovation to begin soon after Labor Day 2017. The Recreation Department will keep user groups informed.

Ed - Oxbow Meadows Project: anticipated construction to begin in fall 2017. Recreation Department/Commission to send out reminders to the Field Advisory Group and the Board of Public Works to attend important upcoming meetings. Site Plan Approval hearing in front of the Planning Board will be June 20, 2017 and scope is regarding parking requirement.

Brud - the vote of Oxbow Meadows at Town Meeting is an obligation, we need to see through with peoples' wishes.

Reed and Paul - Rain closes Claypit 8 and Alpine often. Curious to know if we can line the tee ball field area at Claypit to create a 3rd 9v9 field and the feasibility of lining another 9v9 field at Alpine field for the fall 2017 season? Area at Alpine close to road is always dry. Could potentially have another smaller 9v9 field. Maybe work with Alf to develop a scaled aerial photo and then DPW to see if it can fit. Paul N will send the field dimensions to Katherine. Katherine will connect Reed and DPW.

Reed - High school master plan will have impacts on field space for soccer, lacrosse, and football. Coupled with potential new library, concerned about existing field conditions and availability and prospects for field expansions and improvements.

Ed - Town Wide Strategic Plan will finish in mid-August. WRAP study will also help outline the larger picture.

Reed – original turf field was paid for by private funding?

Asa – yes, some CPC funds too. CPC cannot fund turf, but can fund infrastructure for turf field. CPC may or may not approve that. The Rec Department is collecting funds through user fees to replace the turf carpet, about \$240,000 in fund.

Reed – concerned if high school master plan and turf project go through, we'd be unlikely to get more funds to support youth sports, after those projects.

Brud – Residents will have to prioritize the projects. Library is a huge project, understand concern that HS improvement would block future projects. We need to prioritize the menu. For example, we would hate to spend \$7 million at the HS and then not be able to spend more money on other sites.

Asa – the greater support among the users, the more likely to get projects to move forward. Not sure if users would prefer phasing of the projects.

Reed – not likely to get private funding for youth fields, compared to WHS project.

Reed and Paul - Condition of the soccer nets – WAYS will send list of soccer nets that need to be replaced to the Recreation Department for coordination with the DPW; Rec Department to fund and DPW to install.

Paul - Consider revising how seniors vs. adults are prioritized in terms of field use. Revisit the percentage required to be considered an in-town group.

Brud – concern that less people would be served, so maybe the team that has the most residents gets priority. More Wayland residents get higher priority.

Katherine – will review current user policy package to see how it might be revised to address Paul and Brud’s concerns.

The following items were tabled for next meeting’s discussion when a lacrosse representative will be present:

- Consider safer switch for light switch at turf field
- Potential for a moratorium for a period of one year on selling Wayland turf and field space to outside non-Wayland user groups
- Potential use of Cochituate Field for youth lacrosse
- Revisit the idea of putting in a ball wall
- New person to take minutes (who is currently the lacrosse representative)

7:52 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

7:52 PM TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING

None.

7:55 PM Next Meeting Dates & Agenda Topics

Field Advisory Meeting, Monday, July 24 7:00pm

8:10 PM MEETING ADJOURNED

Adjourn; There being no further business before the Field Advisory Group -- Paul Nechipurenko moved to adjourn, seconded by Reed Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm; Discussion: None; Vote: 4-0-0.
