

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2011 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake (Chairman), Pat Inderwish, Bob Monk,
Members Absent: Richard Shaw

Guests: Julie Taylor, Michael Kane, Mike DiPietro, Peter Bourne, Jack Tata, Tim Duplin,
Peter Jones, Michael Kapouloulos

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

Steve has obtained quotes for grub control. The port-a-toilets have been delivered. The skating rink is in the process of being taken down. *Continued below*

Facility Requests

Julie Taylor has submitted a usage request for West Boylston Youth Softball. The request is for field use now thru June 20th.

Girls' Softball Field – 5:30-9:00PM weekdays, 8:30AM-6:00PM Saturdays & Sundays after 12:00
The request also includes use of the Townsend Field, "B" field and Mixer. Julie will work with the Little League if she needs use of any of the three additional fields. The request does include the exclusion of Wednesdays, beginning June 1st.

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: Approve as submitted
- Motion Seconded: Bob Monk
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

The High School Athletic Director (Peter Jones) discussed some changes to dates and times to the field usage requests he had submitted. The closing date for track, tennis & JV Baseball is June 3rd. He inquired about when the Goodale tennis courts would be available for use. Pat stated that there is still a lot of work to be done at the courts and is hoping for partial use permit shortly (end of next week). The first home match is scheduled for April 6th. Pat will work on getting partial use for school use only.

The West Boylston Little League has merged the AAA and Major divisions with Boylston. Some of the teams will be utilizing fields in Boylston. The league played against Boylston last year and this year have combined the youths on the teams. The amount of teams and field usage in West Boylston will remain the same as last year. Pat stated that whoever is playing or practicing in town pays the reservation fee. Steve has asked the league to submit a roster. The league is planning a field preparation day and will be cleaning the concession stand at that time. They have been informed that nothing is to be put down the sink drain. They have requested more trash barrels, would like to have one next to each dugout. Pat reviewed the areas to keep cars and people off of (cart path, no parking along Goodale St). The opening day activities and parade are scheduled for May 1st. The fields are not available for use on May 21st, which is the opening day for the Goodale courts (rain date is May 22nd). The usage times on the permit request were a sun up to sun down, April 4 – August 1. The times were changed to 5:00-8:00 Mon-Fri, 8:00-7:00 Sat and 12:00-7:00 Sun. Also noted as a change is the exclusion of Wednesdays beginning June 1st.

- Motion Originator: Bob Monk
- Motion Description: Approve with changes to time and dates.
- Motion Seconded: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items (continued)

Steve explained the DPW is union and that it is difficult to use volunteers on the fields. There needs to be a DPW employee present. He also stated that the DPW does try to getting the lining done when needed, but sometimes time does not allow. Pat stated that use of volunteers need to be presented to the Town Administrator and that volunteers can not use motorized equipment. The Little League would like to help, possibly with the lining of the fields. Pat suggested that they submit a written request. Pat explained that the fields are in constant use and are over used. He stated that the DPW and Parks Commission do their absolute best with the resources available. Steve stated that the league needs to inform the Board of Selectmen of their concerns for additional maintenance. Peter Jones expressed concern that it is not safe to play to infield, if not dragged. Steve stated that this too is a union issue. Tim Duplin stated that the mounds at the Townsend & "B" fields need to be of legal height and width and would like to see a volunteer day, if this can not be completed by the DPW.

A lot of work needs to be done at Mixer, including the removal of the skating rink. The grubs probably will not be addressed until June or July. There is a snow storm predicted for tonight.

- Motion Originator: Bob Monk
- Motion Description: Open fields April 4th, with Mixer contingent upon removal of rink.
- Motion Seconded: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Pat noted that this does not include the Goodale courts

Peter Jones stated that the soccer goals need to be removed from the concession stand at the Girls' Softball Field. The Athletic Association is working on getting the score boards (softball & baseball) repaired. The Little League would like a place to put material to rebuild the mounds. Pat stated that the DPW should be able to do the work on the mounds.

General Business

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To accept BOPC town report, as prepared by Steve Blake
- Motion Seconded: Bob Monk
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

Steve provided the board members with the job description for the Recreation Coordinator position, to review and discuss at the next meeting.

The soccer net at "B" field needs to be repaired. Steve will get a quote to have the welding done.

Tim Duplin has resigned from the Parks Commission, this leaves an open position on the Parks Facility Committee. Pat stated that there is a lot of items (Pine Grove, Sr Baseball Field) coming up for the PFC and the board needs to appoint someone to replace Tim on the committee. Bob stated that he would do it on a temporary basis, until another board member is available.

The proof of insurance for the tennis lessons, which Jen Breen has proposed, has been submitted. Pat has concerns and would like to see something in writing from the company, as to what they would offer. Pat is concerned that it is for profit. Bob stated that the soccer clinics are also for profit. Steve will contact Jen and have them put together a proposal for the programs.

- Motion Originator: Pat Inderwish
- Motion Description: To adjourn (8:55 PM)
- Motion Seconded: Bob Monk
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved

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Bob Monk
Pat Inderwish

5/23/11
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