

**Minutes of W.B. Parks/Facilities Committee (PFC) Meeting
January 29, 2007**

Attendees:

Patrick Crowley
Pat Inderwish
Bob Monk
Dennis Mulryan
John Owanisian
Alan Phillips
Chris Rucho

Actions from meeting

Pat Crowley to develop tax burden formula guideline for use by PFC subcommittees

John Owanisian to contact Steve Recupero regarding development ideas for Tennis courts and also to take photos of facilities at Woodland Park

Pat Inderwish to touch base with Leon Gaumond regarding committee status and next steps

Subcommittees to continue with research and provide updates at next meeting

Meeting Highlights

- Committee approved minutes from December 11 meeting
 - Superintendent Tom Kane provided report as follow-up to December 11 meeting
 - Report indicated standards exist for track size and shape but not for surface composition
 - Mr. Kane also provided "Buyer's Guide for Track Construction" from American Sports Builders Association
 - Both reports placed into Parks/Facilities Committee records
- Pat Crowley confirmed question related to Community Preservation Act (CPA) will appear on April ballot
 - Follow-up CPA meeting scheduled to focus on marketing this initiative
- Pat Inderwish circulated project outline as recommended template for use by PFC subcommittee members in developing project plans
 - Pat's outline included line item detail for development of projects in phases
 - Dennis suggested three step approach for subcommittees in developing project reports/plans: 1. current status, 2. review available options, 3. present recommendation
- Committee set tentative goal of having subcommittee proposals/recommendations available for October town meeting
- Subcommittee assignments:
 - Renovation of multi-purpose field/track: Alan P, Pat I
 - New town pool: Pat C, Jim O
 - Renovation of baseball/football fields: Bob M, Chris R.
 - Renovation of tennis/basketball courts: Bob M, John O
 - Parks acquisition/expansion: Dennis M, Jim O

PFC subcommittee reports

- Multipurpose field/track renovation:
 - Pat Inderwish provided numerous photos depicting serious cracks/gaps in track surface that result in significant safety issues
 - Pat estimated 50 spots need to be cut/patched to complete repairs
 - Drainage and erosion control issues identified
 - Pat was to develop plan considering various options for longer term improvement to current facilities including: consideration of artificial field surface, seed vs. sod, relocation of track/field and lighting issues
 - Funding of potential high dollar project identified as a challenge
- Pool status:
 - Consensus seemed to indicate the 50-60 year old structure was beyond repair
 - Pat Crowley indicated he was discussing estimate for demolition/replacement of pool with contractor
 - Pictures have been Emailed to contractor and Pat expected to have cost estimates at next PFC meeting
 - Concluded that development of pool needs to be closely linked to summer recreation programs
- Baseball/Football fields:
 - Chris mentioned unlike the track conditions, the fields do not represent an immediate safety concern
 - Question arose if there was some overlap between this subcommittee and the Parks Acquisition/Expansion subcommittee – will need to address at future meetings
- Tennis/Basketball courts:
 - John O presented photos depicting numerous cracks on basketball and tennis courts
 - Tennis net support posts have heaved and require repositioning
 - Bob Monk mentioned district tournaments require three “contiguous” tennis courts – only two courts are available currently
 - Consensus indicated re-layout should be implemented to create a 3rd tennis court
 - Discussion indicated rough estimate of \$25,000 was obtained to resurface court surfaces
- Parks Acquisition/Expansion:
 - Dennis present written summary including: Field inventory and usage, Requirements and Possible Solutions
 - Highest priority needs: Football practice field, Soccer practice field, Men’s softball field, Youth soccer field, Pop Warner football field
 - High priority needs: Babe Ruth baseball field, Little/Minor league field, Club soccer field
 - Possible solutions: Dennis emphasized Fields/courts need to be part of conceptual design for new Mixter facility and that provision for fields needs to be included in negotiations related to RFP for development of transfer station
 - Dennis also covered potential relocation of town pool, development of town owned land near Maple Street and possible use of DCR owned land
- Consideration was given to providing overall update at May town meeting – this will require further discussion

Next meeting: Monday, February 26, 6:30PM