Minutes of W.B. Parks Facilities Committee (PFC) Meeting September 24, 2007

Attendees:

Patrick Crowley Pat Inderwish Dennis Mulryan John Owanisian Chris Rucho

Actions from meeting

- John O to investigate drainage and other issues related to tennis courts referenced below and obtain updated cost estimate
- Pat Crowley to provide committee with update regarding grant status

Meeting Highlights

- Committee approved minutes from August 27 PFC meeting
- Pat Inderwish summarized results from Selectmen's Warrant Review Meeting with respect to three PFC proposed articles for upcoming town meeting:
 - Funding for design/architectural expenses will not appear on warrant
 - Multi-purpose field contingent upon grant award will appear on warrant
 - New pool contingent upon grant award will not appear on warrant, if grant is awarded this topic likely will be dealt with at a special town meeting (December?)
- Pat Crowley expected decision regarding two grant requests prior to October town meeting
- Pat Inderwish pointed out that Parks Commission has ultimate authority regarding spending related to grants referenced above
- Discussed goal of pursuing parks related funding from Community Preservation Committee
- Estimate for reconstruction of tennis/basketball courts was obtained from Westboro Tennis Surfaces highlights below:
 - Includes extending undersized tennis court to regulation length
 - Includes replacement of approx. 800 feet of fence and net posts
 - Replacement of three basketball backboards and supports
 - Estimate totaled \$134,350.00

- Feedback from committee indicated tennis/basketball court reconstruction should also address the following issues:
 - Reconstruction of retaining wall (with appropriate drainage)
 - Landscaping of hill near courts
 - Assessment of surface and sub-surface drainage problems
 - Addition of steps to summer house on hill
 - Replacement of lighting system
- Pat Inderwish identified several builders/contractors as resources related to issues identified above
- Pat Inderwish (current chair of PFC) proposed rotating PFC chair assignment on annual basis
- Agenda included update on subcommittee assignments:
- Renovation of track and multi-purpose field: Val, Pat I.
- New town pool/water park & practice field: Jim, Pat C.
- Renovation of baseball/softball fields: Chris R., TBD
- Renovation of tennis/basketball courts: John O, TBD
- Parks acquisition/expansion: Dennis M, Jim
- Parks Facilities Committee has vacancy due to recent retirement of Bob Monk vacancy to be filled when vacancy on Parks Commission is filled
- John Owanisian attended September 27, Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting representing PFC Highlights below:
 - John O provided update of PFC history/activities/priorities
 - Updated open space plan is due end of calendar '07
 - Input from PFC will be requested for open space plan
 - Committee members emphasized need for long range (five year) plan
 - Agreed that communication between PFC and Open Space Committee is important
 - It was proposed meeting minutes will be shared among the two committees

Next PFC meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 7:30PM

(Discussion indicated this meeting is needed only if grant(s) awarded)