

## **Parks Facilities Committee (PFC) Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2014**

### **PFC attendees:**

Patrick Crowley, Robert Dunne, John Hadley, Patrick Inderwish, John Owanisian

- Chairman Inderwish opened the meeting at 7:20AM.
- This meeting took place at West Boylston Goodale Park and consisted of a walking tour intended to gain a clearer understanding of current conditions in the context of an upcoming Goodale Park Master Plan.
- A review of the June 10, 2014 PFC draft minutes took place.

**Motion: A motion made by Mr. Crowley and seconded by Mr. Inderwish to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014 was approved.**

- The tour began in an area near the pine grove adjacent to parking area that had recently been graded (cut and fill) and described as a proposed practice field – among the observations in this area:
  - Large circular drain grate was broken with the drainage opening no longer visible with discussion indicating drain opening was covered by the grading operation.
  - Erosion of soil near hail bales that had been installed around parking lot drain – this drain appeared to be clogged.
  - The newness and general condition of the recently graded area appeared to be vulnerable to future erosion.
- A circular cement pad (date of “1997” marked in pad) with broken sections of concrete was observed near pine grove and described as part of previous kiddy pool – an old and rusting set of swings also in this area.
- The running track revealed several cracks in areas that had been patched previously (two years ago?).
- A cleanout cover on North-West exterior corner of basketball courts was missing with discussion indicating clean out was recommended.
- The sloped surface west of the tennis courts showed signs of erosion - this area had been seeded previously as part of Goodale Park Phase 1 project.
- It was noted that two banks of the recently installed lights on tennis courts had been turned off to satisfy a Goodale St. neighbor.
- Discussion indicated the latch on double-wide main gate to basketball courts needed replacement.
- Some of the hinges on gates of basketball and tennis courts needed adjustment in order to bring the gates into alignment with adjacent fence material.
- A crack in concrete was observed in the trench drain area on east side of basketball courts.
- Some fence posts in court area displayed powder coating that had flaked off, possibly making them vulnerable to future corrosion.
- The basketball and tennis court surfaces, lines and colored areas appeared to be in good condition.

- A vertical gap was developing between blocks in retaining wall (near steps) on East side of basketball courts.
- The retaining wall on East side (near trench drains) of tennis courts appeared to bowing outward near top of wall in one section.
  - Mr. Inderwish explained that a meeting was to be held to include Architect, Structural Engineer, and General Contractor to assess this issue.
- Railing on right side of steps leading from little league field to tennis court area was loose at top anchor point, with paving block that anchored railing separated from steps.
- Significant efflorescence (white chalky substance) was observed on lower retaining wall facing little league field.
- Efflorescence also observed on lower portion of upper retaining wall and most visible at north end of wall (near curved portion of wall).
- Sloped turf abutting lower retaining wall at little league field appeared to be worn – discussion indicated crushed stone or stone dust had been placed in this area previously.
- Clean outs were observed at exterior corners of courts – discussion indicated these should be cleaned periodically as part of maintenance program.
- The committee walked up Goodale St. and took a right turn on Newton St. where this corner section of property was described as private property that extended roughly to line of pine trees on Newton St.
- Mr. Inderwish described an Operations and Maintenance manual related to the Goodale Park facilities which he indicated would be forwarded to Mr. Dunne.
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8:37AM.