

West Boylston Parks Facilities Committee (PFC) Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2015

PFC attendees: Patrick Crowley, Robert Dunne, Gary Flynn, John Hadley, Patrick Inderwish, James O'Day, John Owanisian, Christopher Rucho, Timothy Shea

BETA Engineering attendees: Randall Collins, Steven D'Ambrosia

Other Attendees: Brenda Bowman, Christine Drappi, Vinny Vignally, Barbara Wyatt

- Chairman Inderwish opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

- **Motion:**

- Motion Originator: Mr. Rucho
- Motion Description: Approve PFC January 29, 2015 minutes
- Motion Seconded: Mr. Hadley
- Motion Discussion: Mr. Inderwish questioned the addition of language put forth by Mr. Dunne (4th bullet from end of minutes) that referenced "approved plan" and suggested the plan should be referenced as a concept plan.
- Motion Outcome: Approved (Mr. Rucho voted no, Messrs. O'Day and Shea abstained)

- **Motion:**

- Motion Originator: Mr. Rucho
- Motion Description: Approve PFC February 17, 2015 minutes
- Motion Seconded: Mr. Hadley
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Outcome: All approved with exception of Mr. Flynn that abstained.

- Mr. Rucho referenced Goodale Park drawings dated January 13, 2015 and posted on town website with January 13, 2015 PFC minutes, questioning if the drawings represented what was discussed at January 13, 2015 meeting.

Action: Mr. Owanisian agreed to review the referenced drawings on town website and further to review posted PFC documents on town website for completeness/accuracy.

- **Motion:**

- Motion Originator: Mr. Crowley
- Motion Description: Approve PFC FY14 Annual Report
- Motion Seconded: Mr. Hadley
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Outcome: All approved

- Discussion turned to the availability of Goodale park documents including documents related to maintenance – action item below resulted from discussion:

Action: Mr. Inderwish will inform Mr. Pedone (Parks Commission) that he can scan documents in his possession to produce copy for Parks Commission.

- Mr. Inderwish addressed a proposed March 31, 2015 Goodale Park Master Plan project roundtable meeting and the desire of other West Boylston committees to have additional input into the master planning process at this point in time:
 - Mr. Inderwish indicated it was too early for these discussion, since the current conceptual plans were still evolving.
 - Mr. O'Day indicated that the PFC have had numerous meetings that included public/stakeholder input focused on developing the conceptual plans.

- Overall discussion indicated support for the idea of a project roundtable meeting, although the March 31 date may be too soon to allow the PFC to prepare a presentation for the project roundtable meeting.

- **Motion:**

- Motion Originator: Mr. Rucho
- Motion Description: To participate in a project roundtable meeting, however the March 31 date is too soon to prepare and that a date for the project roundtable meeting would be proposed at the next PFC meeting (April 23, 2015)
- Motion Seconded: Mr. Hadley
- Motion Discussion: The motion generated considerable discussion with some members believing it was best to have the roundtable meeting as soon as possible while others thought additional time was needed to refine the conceptual plan as well as develop a presentation for the project roundtable.
- Motion Outcome: Approved on 5 to 4 vote
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers:
Approved: Messrs. Inderwish, O'Day, Owanisian, Rucho, Shea
Disapproved: Messrs. Crowley, Dunne, Flynn, Hadley

- Mr. Vignally as a representative of the West Boylston Open Space Committee addressed the PFC stating it was important to involve other stakeholders in the Goodale Park Master Plan process expressing that he "wants to get the process done correctly and smoothly".
- Mr. Vignally requested input from the PFC with respect to a Goodale Park needs assessment that could be used to update the Open Space and Recreation Chapter within the WB Master Plan.

Action: Mr. Dunne indicated a "needs assessment" was available from the Parks Commission and that he would forward this to Mr. Vignally.

- Discussion turned to a review of "Invoice 5" as presented by BETA Engineering.
 - Mr. Inderwish pointed out the survey was not complete, with Mr. Collins responding that the survey would be available "within the next few days".
 - Mr. Collins indicated he was still awaiting "subsurface information" that had been requested previously from the WBDPW.
 - Mr. Collins further stated cost estimates would not be available until GEO-Probe activity was completed – GEO-Probe activity estimated to start in approx. one month.

- **Motion:**

- Motion Originator: Mr. Rucho
- Motion Description: To approve payment of Invoice # 5 (\$5160)
- Motion Seconded: Mr. Hadley
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Outcome: All approved.
- Discussion then turned to a review of updated hardcopy Master Plans (views 1-4 with Mr. D'Ambrosia's descriptions noted next to numbered plans below) led by Messrs. Collins and D'Ambrosia – the plans included additional parking in the HS baseball field area and shortened outfield dimensions for LL fields:
 - Total parking spaces 194 (includes 19 handicap spaces).
 - ADA access provided with exception of highlighted areas of walking trails.
 - Estimated range of 25' – 60' of buffer space to Drappi property.
 - **Mr. Shea inquired about maintenance features** (including mowing sloped areas) which will need further consideration as plans develop.

- **Mr. Owanisian inquired about life expectancy of a 20' retaining wall** – needs further investigation.

Concept plan 1. Rendered and updated Master Plan Concept – Reflects decisions and requests from entire process into a rendered plan showing the design coming together and rendered for easier interpretation.

Concept plan 2. Circulation & Parking – Shows vehicular and pedestrian connections. Yellow highlighted trail shows 0.86mi exercise trail with 5 stations highlighted with red circles. The blue dotted line shows extent of ADA accessible (5% grade or less) pathways throughout the park. Finally, parking counts are shown at each lot location.

Concept plan 3. Walls & Dimensions – Shows dimensions specifically of the ball fields and multi-use field. Shows relative heights of walls. Wall height numbers are in red and are located on the low side of the corresponding wall.

Concept plan 4. Terrace Option – Plan reflects requested option showing the removal of the pool complex and replacement with parking.

- **Special note:** The four views of conceptual plan described above will be provided as a separate attachment (.pdf) and will be posted with approved minutes.

- **Motion:**

- Motion Originator: Mr. Owanisian
 - Motion Description: To move ahead with GeoProbe/test boring locations based on current concept plan with Mr. Collins to make arrangements to schedule borings.
 - Motion Seconded: Mr. Hadley
 - Motion Discussion: Discussion indicated major changes to field locations that may impact test locations was not anticipated.
 - Motion Outcome: All approved.
- Agreed to following date/time for next PFC meeting (discussion indicated BETA Engineering attendance was not required): Thursday, April 23 at 7PM.
 - There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was approved at 8:54PM.