

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2014 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Dave Moreau, Mark Spears, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sarah Hart

Meeting began at 6:05pm

Minutes:

Rick noted two corrections in the meeting minutes from 9/24/14. First change is on page one to replace approximate cost of \$50k for a Pony League field to the field being "cost effective and feasible". Second change is on page two to change Gale submitted a quote to "estimated".

Mark made the motion to approve the minutes with the two above changes. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Tennis Courts:

Rick stated we have two options regarding the town tennis courts. First option is to repair the existing courts for \$16k or building 4 new courts which is part of the overall plan for recreation. Rick is not sure we are ready to discuss the tennis courts or how to proceed as funds are not available.

We could go ahead and request the repair of the existing tennis courts for \$16k. Four new courts would require a lot more work as well as approximately \$180k. We currently do not have 16k in our operating budget to repair the existing tennis courts; however, FinCom might be more receptive to the request of 16k to repair existing courts as opposed to \$180k for 4 new courts.

Mark believes that there is \$180k from CPC funds for the four new tennis courts at Banta Davis. However, we would need to start now to put this item on the spring town meeting. There are uncommitted funds in the CPC general fund for this year as well as next year's contribution.

CC at Play is planning to request \$300-400k from CPC for their project in Concord. Mark sees both projects being approved by CPC but most likely only one being accepted at Town Meeting. Dave thinks CC at Play is money better spent at this time as the project benefits multiple programs as opposed to just 4 new courts in Carlisle. Mark stated there has been no major program from Recreation in 8 years. Now is a good time to go after the full development of Banta Davis which would include 4 new tennis courts and we should aim to get this on the spring Town Meeting.

Other Business - Planning:

There is talk of setting up a planning committee as FinCom has requested a list from Recreation of future needs. Rick received an email from David Friedman pertaining to a long term planning group. David wants the Planning Board to be heavily involved in a long term plan which would involve Gale Associates and the full development of Banta Davis. Gale Associates is currently putting together a plan for how we can proceed with basic projects. FinCom is interested in what can be done to increase the field maintenance and the cost associated with field improvements. Rick stated that Recreation needs to define a vision for recreation needs that the Town can buy into.

The new committee would meet for 2-3 months to plan. The committee would include representatives from the town such as COA (Council on Aging) and CFC (Children's Family Connection). We need to explore what people want... picnic area, more fields, etc. Mark's participation on this committee would be beneficial as Mark knows this history of recreation. Mark agreed to meet when his work/travel schedule allows and Dave agreed to take Mark's place in his absence.

Spalding Little League Field:

Rick received a letter from Peter Coletti stating that they have 10k to contribute to a Pony League Field at Spalding. There is a quote of \$10660 to transition Spalding Little League field to a 50x70 Diamond.

There is one sprinkler in the area that will need to be moved which is not expensive. Funds are needed to cover the \$660 as well as the cost to move the sprinkler.

Dave made the motion to approve the new baseball field proposal and recreation will cover up to \$1000 from the maintenance fund for additional costs. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Organic Fertilizer:

We are currently waiting for the report from Gale Associates regarding field conditions before we can rebid the organic maintenance contract. However, we will need to have one organic treatment on the fields this fall. Mahoney's SafeLawns could treat the fields for \$3750 this fall.

Rick made the motion to authorize a fall organic treatment on Spalding and Banta Davis fields for \$3750 out of the operating budget. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Other Business – Overseed Banta Davis and Spalding:

Rick has two quotes to overseed both Banta Davis and Spalding fields.

- 1) Jared Davis quoted \$8400 for 5lbs for 1000 sq. ft.
- 2) Mahoney's SafeLawns quoted \$7750 for 4lbs for 1000sq ft.

Rick suggested we contract with Jared Davis as he has done this in the past and has the equipment. We would have to wait to overseed until after November 15th because the fields are still in use.

Mark suggested we get new quotes as the two above quotes comparable. Rick will make sure to rebid the cost to overseed the fields and recreation can vote on this item before November 15, 2014.

Other Business – Sink Hole at Spalding:

The sink hole at Spalding continues to be an issue. Rick researched various ideas on how to repair sink holes. An idea to "plug the hole" would be to pour concrete in the hole and cover with grass. Each year, we fill the sink hole but it continues to be an issue.

Other Business – Volleyball Court at Banta Davis:

The original estimate for the Volleyball Court at Banta Davis was \$7k. Rick revisited the numbers and the estimate is low. Gary Davis has been helping with the project to level the area.

The equipment for the court should last 10-15 years. We are going to need an additional \$4k to complete the project. The only line item with available funds is the Gift Account.

Mark made the motion to authorize \$11500 from the Gift Account for the volleyball court at Banta Davis. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm