

Recreation Commission Minutes: 4/2/2019

Meeting began at 7:05PM

Drew McMorrow, Peter Best, Mark Spears, Amy Smack, Holly Mansfield

Sarah Hart (Mosquito)

Agenda Topics:

1. Public comments and correspondence
 - a. Board of Health informed Recreation that Dylox cannot be used on school grounds
 - i. Vanessa Moroney spoke with the BOH and her concerns about well water contamination were assuaged.
 - b. Margaret Heigl inquired about when the sink holes will be filled on Spalding Field
 - i. Drew stated that we intend to fill the sink holes by the end of April.
2. Minutes from last week
 - a. *Motion: Peter motioned to approve, Amy seconded. All in favor-Yes*
3. Volleyball Court at Banta Davis
 - a. Frank Gardner of Gators Volleyball Club inquired about reserving the volleyball courts
 - i. Several options were discussed
 1. Volleyball Court is permitted and a fee is charged
 2. Volleyball Court is permitted and club offers an in-kind maintenance donation
 3. The program runs through the Recreation Office as a program.
 - ii. Final decision is to run the volleyball program through the Recreation Office.
4. Tennis Courts
 - a. Peter has talked with David Wiener and they will look into replacing the wind screens at the tennis courts.
 - b. The cost of replacement screens will be funded from the revolving account.
5. Liaison Reports
 - a. Master Planning-Amy
 - i. At the most recent meeting, John Ballantine made a presentation regarding the population of the town over time.
 1. Ages 65+ is on the rise
 2. Ages 25-40 is declining
 3. Not as many children coming into town
 - ii. Next Advisory meeting will be held on April 3, 2019
 - b. Community Center-Peter
 - i. A meeting was held on April 1. Peter and Holly attended the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to prioritize the criteria for the Community Center.

- ii. Jerry asked what size pool recreation is thinking of.
 - 1. Peter mentioned the pool in Lincoln
 - a. Pool is 25 meters
 - 2. Lincoln Recreation Department stated the pool is the “gem” of the town
 - 3. Abacus will design a community center with a pool and one without
 - 4. Next step is to meet with Abacus
 - c. CPC-Mark
 - i. 4 Requests for CPC funds
 - 1. Greenough Dam Repair-Angie Verge made presentation concerning the dam
 - a. Dam is failing
 - b. Cost \$330-\$400k to repair-Conservation Commission sending request to the state for funding
 - c. Plan is fully permitted and is out to bid
 - d. Conservation Commission is looking for Rec Comm to take a position on Dam repair
 - 2. Trails Committee is seeking \$15k for general trail maintenance
 - 3. Town Clerk is seeking \$16k for records restoration
 - 4. Open Space Plan is seeking \$9k for Administrative Costs to update the Open Space Plan – Angie Verge made a presentation concerning the Open Space Plan
 - a. Last done in 2013 and is good for 7 years
 - b. Amy is the liaison to the Open Space Committee
 - ii. *Motion: Mark made the motion to vote in support of the CPC grant applications as described in the warrant. Amy seconded. All in favor-Yes*
6. Warrant Article
 - a. Drew attended the Board of Selectman meeting to present the Spalding Field Warrant Article.
 - i. BOS is in support of the project
 - ii. Question regarding who will be responsible for the project
 - 1. The study will fall under Drew but will work closely with Luke Ascolillo and David Model since the Spalding field is located on school property.
 - iii. Drew will present at Town Meeting on April 29 to appropriate \$20k from general funds for the study at Spalding field.
 - 1. If approved funds will be available July 1 and study should be complete by the end of summer.
7. Update on Field Maintenance and Pest Control
 - a. Board of Health informed Rec Comm that Dylox cannot be used on school playgrounds.
 - b. We will plan to go forward with the Acelepryn in hopes that the fields will improve.

- c. We have two companies that want to bid on both the field maintenance contract as well as the treatment plan for the fields
 - i. Bids for field maintenance are due April 3. Rec Comm will plan a meeting to vote on the bids once all bid are received.
 - d. School Committee would like to be informed of the chemical plan once it is in place as well as the timing of when the chemicals will be applied to the fields
8. Banta Davis 2006 Plan
- a. Rec Comm needs to coordinate a plan that would include an update of needed fields and facilities.
 - i. All organizations would need to be engaged in the plan
 - b. It may be too early to start the Banta Davis build out project and may be best to have the results of the Spalding Field report
 - c. Banta Davis is great recreational land and has the potential for many additional facilities to include ball fields, track, basketball courts, tennis courts.
 - i. Adding lights to the Banta Davis complex would be an asset to the town
 - d. Starting with a fresh plan may be the best option since it has been 13 years since the last plan was designed.
9. Dog Training Issue Updates
- a. Nothing to report at this time.
10. Stearns Street Update
- a. N/A

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:10PM