

March 29th, 2011  
Town of Sudbury  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Present: Commissioners - Jim Marotta, Georgette Heerwagen, Dick Williamson, Bobby Beagan  
Guests: Bob Haarde, Board of Selectmen

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with one correction.

**Public Comment** – Scott McGavick spoke to the Commission regarding Haskell and Feeley field. He asked for immediate help in preparing the fields with infield mix for the start of the spring season. He also addressed the desire to upgrade the Haskell baseball field due to the delay in moving forward with the recreation development at the Melone Property. He requested again to put up the temporary fence at Haskell and added that Sudbury Babe Ruth would also like to move forward with installing dugouts at the Haskell field. He stated that Dan Cousins and his son have volunteered to build the dugouts after the spring season. The projected cost for the total project is estimated at \$17, 970. The dugouts would be built on a cement base and provide shelter and safety for the players. The building of the dugouts would take place after the spring season and hopefully be complete before the summer season starts. Scott is looking for donations to cover the cost of the expense.

Scott also stated that they would like to place new scoreboards at both Haskell and Feeley. The scoreboards would be purchased and would not require electricity.

Insurance Requirement at the Fairbank Gym – Bobby Beagan requested discussion on this due to his request to use the gym and learning that he now had to provide proof of insurance. He was informed that this was new requirement due to the liability place on the Town of Sudbury by residents using the Fairbank Gym. Since Nancy McShea, Park and Recreation Dir., was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, and she had all the discussions with town counsel, Bobby will speak with her directly on the reasoning behind this new requirement.

**Melone/CPA** – The Commissioners invited Bob Haarde to the meeting to discuss the status of the Melone Property for recreation use. The CPC decided not to take a vote on the Recreation proposal for recreation development at the Melone property so the commissioners asked Bob about the study he suggested for the Melone property. Bob explained that through discussions with Jody Kablack he learned of a study on the Melone property approved in 2006 which still had some funds left. He requested that they be sued to look at a current field study at the Melone Property. He used some of the information from the CPC request, but instructed the group doing the study to come up with the best plan for the space available. Bob assured the Commissioners that they would not be held to the design produced by the study.

The Commission explained their frustration in preparing the materials for the CPC presentation and then not voting on it. It is unclear to them what the Town really wants to do with the Melone property. A discussion on housing and 40B requirements and how that effects the decisions on development followed.

Bobby Began suggested that at some time it might be the Park and Recreation Commissions role to look at how much practice and game time is really necessary for each youth group instead of responding to what is desired.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm in order for the commissioners to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss renovation to the parking lot at Haskell Field.