

Sudbury Park and Recreation

Minutes

June 25, 2012

Meeting called to order 6:37pm.

Present: McShea, Gozdeck, Williamson, Marotta, Beagan, Griffin.

Public Comment – none

Sudbury Little League – Mike Ensley discussion about Upper Featherland Softball being changed to a Little League field, this was in the Gale study from 2004. Would like to see the change due to safety concerns, language, all baseball would be good. As an organization they are moving to a transitional diamond, currently have a 60' and a 90' but would like a 70' diamond. This would primarily be for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders maybe as early as next fall, not all the kids can do the 90' diamond. Would make men's softball and the other Little League field at upper into the 70' diamonds, would keep lower 3 fields at 60' diamonds. Are planning to merge Babe Ruth with Little League. Mike Walsh – Little League is willing to pay for lights at new field for men's softball.

Ti- Sales potential for new field. Concerns that high school softball won't have field to use, Ti-Sales lots of ticks and mosquitoes, moved the men to Curtis this year from Feeley. Men's softball not opposed to moving elsewhere just want to play.

Griffin –with new lights, light trespass would be much less.

Walsh – will check with ZBA about permits needed. Little League committed to lighting \$100,000.

Griffin – look at CPC funding. McShea to talk to Bill Place about Ti-Sales to see if the field will fit there and to look at the entrance road.

Marotta – what is the time line expectation that Little League has?

Walsh – October 1 vote to merge or not with Babe Ruth. Would look to work September 2013, with ideally a spring of 2014 opening.

Griffin – highlight the needs as best you can in the Gale study.

Walsh – we need two practice slots per week per team.

Gale Study Update – field conditions results; user meeting; user field surveys.

Marotta – need to back up off of town meeting. Need timeline and dates.

Griffin – user group meeting within the next 10 days.

Marotta – have report by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Presentation by Gale on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Prepare a map showing all fields.

Williamson – GIS recreation fields on town website, map can specialize to what you want to search for.

Marotta – how much money is in the CPC?

Williamson – about 4 million in the CPC bank.

CPC Representative – Bobby and Dick talked about CPC rep. Bobby open to ideas and presenting ideals of the commission. Dick many recreation uses at Davis. Think about overall recreation at facilities. Dick odd man out – representing “other” including rocket flyers, Frisbee, fly kites, model airplanes, dog walker, unique in Sudbury. If we expand Davis we should keep in mind best way to accommodate all uses currently happening there.

Marotta – rail trail will likely seek money and feel that Williamson will be perceived as having a conflict of interest. Think that representing another group looking for money would be a conflict.

Williamson – rail trail small money for design. Potentially a few hundred thousand dollars.

Griffin – Davis hub for parking. Don’t want rail trail to have negative impact on our use at Davis. Concern that Williamson’s love of Davis will impact vote on Davis. Gale already has stated that Davis is prime real estate for field development.

Beagan – am interested in being CPC rep. but doesn’t want to push out Williamson.

Gozdeck – glad that Dick and Bobby had conversation. The vote really comes down to how comfortable we feel with this.

Gozdeck – discuss what concerns others have with Dick continuing as rep. Griffin – potentially my view of where we are going may be different than Williamson.

Discussion ensued over CPC rep. between Dick and Bobby. Strong confidence that rep. will speak strongly in what the commission wants to pursue regardless of how the individual feels.

Gozdeck nominated Williamson, second Williamson.

Marotta nominated Beagan, second Griffin.

Beagan and Williamson accept nomination.

Griffin motion to approve Beagan as liason to CPC for term beginning now. Second Marotta. Discussion, Gozdeck I have no reservations with keeping Williamson as rep. Vote in favor – Beagan, Marotta, Griffin. Abstain-Gozdeck and Williamson, Motion passes.

Gozdeck – concern at Lower Featherland field, nearest Union, in center field could be 5’ lower than rest of the field.

School policy/procedure. Commission asks McShea to do up a draft policy to propose to them, float by the commission then send to Maureen and School Committee.

Marotta – Melone proposal, selected a firm to do a valuation.

Next meeting July 18, 2012 6:30 pm.

Gozdeck – motion to adjourn, second Beagan. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.