

Town of Sudbury  
Park and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2012 at 6:30pm

Present: Commissioners- Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta, Bobby Beagan, Dick Williamson, Nancy McShea-P&R  
Director - Guests: Jeff Dade, Sue Pardus, Nancy Kimble - Girls Softball

Minutes from previous minutes were reviewed but approval was deferred until the next meeting.

**Public Comment:** Sue Pardus reported very little had changed from the last meeting although they discussed the plan with the selectmen. She stated that Bob Hardee and John Drobinski support the CPC proposal renovating the girls' softball field at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. Larry O'Brien appeared to be supportive, but needs to see how this request fits into the entire master plan.

Paul Griffin stated he agreed with Larry O'Brien that it was important to look at the entire picture of the town's recreation needs.

Discussion took place on various fundraising opportunities such as cell towers, banners, naming rights to fields, but to date the town has not expressed interest in those offerings.

Nancy McShea offered that she received some feedback from Maureen Valente. She has been asked to prepare a list of needs/wants in regard to recreation as the Town moves forward. Chris Morely referenced the 2009 CPC report as to what they are looking for. Recreation proposals should be consistent with that report.

Bobby Beagen asked the girls' softball representative if Lincoln has offered up any funds to go along with the CPC request. Sue Pardus responded that they started with the Town of Sudbury first and would go to Lincoln next. It was stated that the Lincoln CPC has already met.

Discussion among the Commissioners was that LSRHS needs to be a participant or have some involvement in the CPC request.

Jeff Dade stated he wasn't sure LSRHS had any funds, but would be agreeable to usage rights. At this time it doesn't appear LSRHS would be agreeable to generate revenue from banners or naming of the field or entertaining the idea of funds from allowing cell towers on the property.

Jeff Dade stated LSRHS has agreed to enter into an inter-municipal agreement in regard to the girls softball field similar to the agreement signed for the LS Community field.

Paul asked how much girls' softball was asking for in the CPC proposal. Response was \$550,000 total. \$300,000 in FY'14 and \$250,000 in FY'15. Girls' softball wants to get the work started on the field as soon as possible. CPA would not be available until July 2013, but they would be able to go out to bid before receiving the funds.

Paul's concern was that LS is not contributing any funds, and why the school isn't more concerned about the Title IX issue.

Paul's expressed concern about jeopardizing other recreation needs for renovation of the high school softball field which is not under the jurisdiction of Park and Recreation.

Jim Marotta stated the Commission should be presenting Recreation plans that benefit the entire Town of Sudbury and appeal to a broader group of users. It was stated that the Commission should come up with a plan of what they really need.

Nancy discussed the 5-10 year plan she tentatively drafted for Recreation needs. Nancy explained that the plan was to include all potential needs as the town moves forward so they can be prepared for expenses in the future.

Nancy and the Commissioners discussed the needs of Park and Recreation for the next 10 years. The following is what was discussed for the long range Park and Recreation needs:

**Park and Recreation  
Capital Master Plan FY2014 – FY2023**

**FY2014**

Replacement of the Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School softball field to include: field reconstruction. (*assumes inter-municipal use agreement)	\$250,000.00
Design, permitting and field planning money for Davis Field	\$60,000.00
Design, permitting and field planning money for the redesign of Featherland	\$40,000.00

**FY 2015**

Davis Field Construction to include: 1 90' baseball diamond, 1 60' softball Diamond, 2 multipurpose fields, parking, and walking trail.	\$1,000,000.00
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**FY 2016**

Reconstruction of Upper Featherland field to include 2 70' diamonds	\$455,000.00
LSRHS softball field lights and site amenities (* assumes inter-municipal use agreement)	\$300,000.00

**FY 2017**

Cutting turf field replacement	\$400,000.00
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**FY 2018**

Turf 1 and Turf 2 turf field replacement at the high school (*assumes inter-municipal use agreement)	\$800,000.00
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**FY 2019**

Feeley Field reconstruction to include the following: 1 90' synthetic turf baseball field, reconfiguration of the 3 softball fields, Athletic field lighting, site amenities building, site amenities and site parking.	\$1,815,000.00
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**FY 2020**

Haskell Complex Multipurpose field to include:  
Demolition of existing baseball field and development of a multipurpose field \$200,000.00

Haskell Playground upgrades \$100,000.00

**FY2021**

Community Turf field replacement \$400,000.00

**FY 2022**

Feeley Tennis Court Reconstruction \$300,000.00

**FY 2023**

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Design Money \$800,000.00  
(total project- @8 million, town share \$800,000)

**TOTAL for FY 2014 – FY 2023 = \$6,920,000.00**

**Jim Marotta made a motion to approve the long range Park and Recreation Plan from 2014 to 2023. The motion received a second and was approved 4-0.**

Paul expressed concern that the plan was “too scary” due to the total cost and he also felt that the Melone property was too politically charge and it should not be included in the recreation plans at this time.

Paul’s CPA plan would be to 1) fund (\$350,000) the LS softball field with LS being financially involved, 2) (\$60,000) fund the design and permit costs for renovating Davis Field, and 3) (\$40,000) fund design and permit costs for the redesign of upper Featherland field.

Paul will work on the CPC application that needs to be submitted on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jim asked Dick Williamson what would cause the Radio Flyers problems if Davis Field was renovated. Dick replied any permanent structure such as fences.

**Dick Williamson mad a motion to include all three Park and Recreation requests on the CPA application. \$350,000 for the renovation of the girls’ softball field at LSRHS, \$60,000 for design of Davis Field, and \$40,000 for the design of Featherland field. This motion received a second and was approve 3-0. (Bobby Beagan was not at the meeting when this motion was made.)**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

