

## Sudbury Park and Recreation

September 10, 2012

Meeting called to order 6:36 pm.

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

Public Comment – none

COA discussion – COA board and Friends of Sudbury Senior Center. Discussion with Park and Recreation Commission regarding issues with space when the school department moves out. Would like to develop a plan ahead of time. Would like to see a community center, not a senior center, but the seniors would like to be part of the community center with programming for everyone. Would like to see the COA and Park and Recreation Commission work together to provide a united front moving forward. Discuss rehabbing building or building a new facility.

A member of the COA mentioned that a new building should be considered and Todj Gozdeck expressed an interest in exploring a new building.

Marlboro/Ashland/Northboro – all new centers with town wide activities. Need to consider what is needed and all ideas prior to considering any kind of building.

Levington – met with the planning board, is gathering data to show need, trying to raise money so that they (COA) can contribute. Was on town library board and was involved in raising money from many sources and still it barely passed at town meeting.

Todj Gozdeck thanked the COA for attending the meeting and asked Mr. Levington what is the Council on Aging's mission?

Levington - 9 member board appointed by the BOS. Friends of the Senior Center help them out. Would like one entrance to the community center, shared entrance so that everything is integrated.

Bob Diefenbacher – try to offer more programs in the evening and weekends for folks that are seniors but working past 65 years of age into their 70's. Evening programs are tough on older seniors. Shortage of money and staff to do both.

Levington – Ashland is a good model. Ideally to have facility director that serves everyone. Another community they looked at had the library act as the community center. Also you will be asked in November to vote on senior tax breaks.

McShea – suggested looking at Weston and Natick. Natick is doing something now and park and recreation director became community director.

Griffin asked McShea is K-8 moving out of Fairbanks?

McShea said Valente is working on a plan but funding etc. is in question.

Williamson – CPC was used to get design money.

Commission reviewed minutes, McShea noted changes on the minutes.

Beagan motion to accept minutes from June 25, 2012 with changes. Marotta second. Vote unanimous in favor.

Todj Gozdeck inquired if there was someone available to take minutes in the event the designated person was unavailable.

McShea – minutes used to be part of someone's job. Pat does not get paid to come in and do the minutes. Commission should review.

Williamson asked Beagan if he is receiving CPC emails. Beagan said no. Beagan needs to email Chris Morley.

Gale Study Update: McShea – good data from middle school. Griffin – high school needs to provide more information. Will need to come up with camp information for high school. Give Bill Seymour numbers and have Gale deliver draft by September 24<sup>th</sup> and then schedule a community meeting.

McShea update on softball field, BOS waiting on Gale Study to look at options for softball: right now considering TiSales, middle school, Mahoney and Davis. Valente will discuss with selectmen about options. BOS needs to be behind the location.

McShea spoke with Nancy O'Neil and she said moving the field out of Featherland would make need to bus softball team to other location.

Griffin – mentioned that in past with field like Cutting Commission drives recommendation and BOS then votes.

Williamson – gave summary of BOS meeting and Melone discussion. Selectmen mentioning mixed use and that Gale Study was being done. Best use of Concord area of Melone may be good for recreation fields.

Beagan brought up fact that he had casual conversation with Gerald Quirk on LS school committee and Gerald is new rep. to Park and Recreation. Gerald explained to Beagan that they are researching Park and Recreation uses of LS fields and that user fees go directly to Park and Recreation.

Marotta requested that Quirk be invited to our next meeting.

Griffin – if issue arises with the use of the LS fields it could drastically affect the Gale Study.

Marotta – mentioned that we need agreement on field priorities.

Accounting challenge if we try to figure out exactly what is used by LS or used by Park and Recreation.

Williamson nominates Gozdeck as chair of the park and recreation commission. Second Gozdeck. Marotta asks for discussion, Griffin explains that he talked with Tadj and Paul said he would be fine with stepping down. Vote unanimous in favor of Gozdeck. Gozdeck to take over chair immediately.

Next meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Gozdeck motion to adjourn. Second Beagan. Vote unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm.

