

Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2013

Present: Commissioners- Dick Williamson, Bobby Beagan, Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta – Nancy McShea – Park and Recreation Director

Guests: Jim Kelly, Bob Chandler, Steven Milley, Janice Milley, Owen Campbell, Dennis Ford, Sarah Kelly, Matthew Sullivan, Michael Byrne, John Byrne – Scott Milley Memorial

Meeting started at 6:35pm.

Approval of previous minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

Lt. Scott Milley Memorial – Jim Kelly and Bob Chandler gave the Commissioners an overview of the plan for the Lt. Scott Milley Memorial which will be located at Willis Pond. The idea is to honor Scott and give the Willis Pond area and neighborhood added benefit to a site that is used by many in town. It is also a site that Scott spent many hours at as a youth growing up in Sudbury. Bob presented the plan for the site which includes a retaining wall to help with the erosion issues, a seating area built into to the retaining wall, and a path leading up to the top of the hill. The materials used will be stone/rocks and plants that thrive in the environment which will make it a natural setting. There is no plan to increase the parking area at the site. The committee has presented the plan to several boards in town. In addition, the committee has received favorable responses from the abutters in regard to the memorial. The committee is working with Sudbury Design Group to design the memorial. Perpetual care for the memorial is already set up in the funding of this project. Nancy McShea commented that the current plan doesn't appear to have a plan for handicap access. Jim and Bob said they will take a look at that issue.

A motion was made to approve the idea for the Lt. Scott Milley Memorial as presented, and to take into consideration any need for handicap access. Jim Marotta seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Police Station – Jim Kelly took a few moments to discuss the new Police Station proposal and stated it would be located next to the current Fire Station on Hudson Road.

New Heritage Park War Memorial – Nancy McShea discussed this new memorial idea with the Commissioners and asked them to take another vote on approving Heritage Park as the site. Bobby Beagan made a motion to approve moving forward with the idea to locate a new memorial for the Afghanistan and Iraq wars in Heritage Park. Jim Marotta seconded the motion. The motion was approve 4-0.

Park and Recreation Risk Management Plan – Nancy McShea reviewed the preparation and development of the Risk Management Plan for Park and Recreation. She stated it was a requirement for CAPRA a certification that the Park and Recreation Department is currently

working towards. Dick Williamson made a motion to accept the Park and Recreation Risk Management Plan. Jim Marotta seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Town Meeting/Prep for CPA Article – The Commissioners discussed the need to be prepared for questions regarding the CPC request and who should present at Town Meeting. Dick offered to present. Paul offered his help.

8:00pm Dick Williamson left the meeting to attend a meeting on the new Community Center Building.

Misc - Nancy mentioned that the Park and Recreation Department is sponsoring a presentation by Spaulding on Concussions which will take place in the Senior Center on April 29, 2013 from 7 to 8:15.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the status of the tennis courts at Feely and Featherland. Both locations are in need of repair, but there was concern regarding expense to resurface them and the actual amount of use to continue to maintain the two locations. The tennis courts at the high school are relatively new and can be used by residents when school is not in session.

Nancy spoke about new trees planted at Haskell field, near the playground, and the concern that they might be too close to the soccer fields. She stated that initially the engineers laid out the spring soccer fields with one field too close to the trees. The trees did not pose a concern in the fall, but in the spring, when lacrosse fields are added to mix at Haskell, the soccer field was put too close to the trees. This was corrected within a day and the field was moved to a new location. The new field location is also a bit of a concern because it was reported to be too close to the bench/fence along Haskell field.

A Selectman brought the concern about the trees to Maureen Valente, when he witnessed some kids playing on the original soccer field and almost run into a tree. He felt the trees should be removed. Maureen asked Nancy to bring up the issue with the Park and Recreation Commissioners. The trees were donated and planted in the fall. The discussion centered on the loss of field space.

The Commissioners made a motion to remove the trees from the north side of the playground and, if possible, relocate them to an area on Haskell that doesn't impact field space. The motion was seconded. The motion vote was 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

