

Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2013

Present: Commissioners- Todj Gozdeck (arrived at 7:17pm), Dick Williamson, Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta

Guests: Madeline Gelsinon, Rachel Goodrich

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

The July and April and March Commission minutes were approved with corrections.

Public Comment - Madeline Gelsinon discussed her interest in running some pool programs for seniors at the Atkinson Pool. She informed the Commissioners that she discussed her programs with the Senior Center Director who in turn asked someone from the Pool if they would be interested and was told there wasn't any interest. Ms. Gelsinon was informed by the Commission that the Pool currently runs programs for seniors in the mornings and that is was the decision of Senior Center Director, in the past, not to run their programs at the Atkinson pool due the temperature in the water. In addition, there may also be some issues with space availability to run any new outside vendor programs. The Commissioners suggested that Ms. Gelsinon contact Nancy McShea or Tim Goulding directly to discuss her programs and see if there is availability and how she might be able to run her programs at the Atkinson Pool.

Monument Restorations – Rachel Goodrich discussed with the Commissioners her interest in developing a program in Sudbury to preserve the historic war monuments. She noticed that the monuments were not being maintained properly and found out there isn't any town money put aside for ongoing maintenance. She has been working with the Sudbury Military Support Network and others to develop a historical booklet on the monuments and is working on fundraising to restore and maintain the monuments. The figure she has been given to restore the monuments in town is approximately \$11,000. She is aware that the Park and Recreation is responsible for the land where some of the monuments are located, Heritage Park and Grinnell Park. The Park and Grounds department is responsible for landscaping at the various monument sites in town. Rachel is attending various town meetings to gain support for this project. The Park and Recreation Commission was very supportive of this project.

Haskell Trees – Bill Place dropped off a hand drawn layout which showed how the fields could be laid out in the spring without removing the trees. Paul stated he would like to wait on any type of vote regarding removal of the trees until Bill produced a more professional cad drawing with exact measurements of the field layout. Since the Commission has gone back and forth on this issue based on the information presented, he suggested they wait to take a final vote on what to do with the trees until the next meeting in September. The trees do not affect the field layout in the fall. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to address the trees at Haskell.

RFP for Featherland and Davis - Commissioners were informed that Nancy received 3 proposals. The Commissioners were instructed to contact Nancy to get a copy of the proposals so they could review them as soon as possible. The Commissioners discussed the next steps involved in the process so the RFP moved forward on a timely basis. A discussion was held on the next steps for TI Sales field. It seemed that TI Sales needed to be renovated into the men's softball field before any work could be done at Featherland. Jim Marotta was concerned about the timeline and didn't want to miss a deadline because no one knew what needed to be completed.

Jim asked where the money was coming from for renovation of TI Sales. It was agreed that Baseball offered to pay for lights, but it was unclear if any of that money was for field development. Dick Williamson thought there may be a need to ask for CPA money. It was also discussed that Bill Place's department might be involved in the renovation of the field. It was suggested to invite Chris Morley to a Commission Meeting in October.

Jim asked what the plan was for Featherland field if the tennis courts are left as is and renovated. Paul responded that the plan is to redo upper Featherland softball, remove the existing snack shack and make two baseball fields.

IMA Working Group – The Commissioners asked if a working group had been formed. No one thought it had been formed yet. Paul stated that once it was formed he thought a Park and Recreation Commissioner would be asked to be on it. Dick suggested someone contact Maureen Valente to see what the plan is for the working group. All the Commissioners present agreed that Paul should be the representative on the working group once it is formed.

Cutting Field Sign – Paul stated the Cutting Field sign has been approved by the Selectmen. He is currently working on setting up an account to handle on-going maintenance for the sign.

Park and Recreation Commission Chair – A motion was made to have Tobj Gozdeck act as Park and Recreation Chair for the next year.

Motion approve 4-0

Davis Field – Paul asked Dick Williamson what would impact the Radio Flyers the most, in regard to field renovation at Davis. Dick responded that anything permanent, a fence, tall structure etc. would be a problem. He stated that when Pop Warner football used Davis they had a problem with the portable lights that were placed at the field for night time practice. A large open space is the preference since many of the planes are quite large.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 6:30pm.