

Sudbury Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2013

Meeting called to order 8:00 am.

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

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Gozdeck motion to approve minutes from April, Second Beagan. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Marotta motion to approve minutes from May with edits, second Griffin. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

March minutes tabled until next meeting.

Vote Park and Recreation Commission Chair: tabled until next meeting when Gozdeck knows result of his run for BOS office.

Update on MOU Discussion: no new information. McShea had field users meeting and invited Lincoln. Dan Perreira attended and requested at most 1-2 game times on Saturdays maybe 6 times in the fall. Will coordinate with Nancy O'Neil at LSRHS. Dan voiced his concern that users in Lincoln may not wish to travel to Sudbury for their "home" games and he may have trouble getting officials to do the same. Will see how it goes this fall and will give us feedback on the arrangement.

Park and Recreation Financial FY14: Gozdeck wanted to know if things were basically the same for the new fiscal year. McShea updated commission on status and where a few shifts of funds from one revolving line to another were made, none affecting the bottom line. McShea talked briefly about the possibility of moving all of park and recreation into one large enterprise fund. She feels this needs to be vetted more thoroughly before any move in that direction would take place.

Vote Comprehensive Plan (CAPRA): McShea spoke with Commission about the need to have them formally vote in the comprehensive plan at the meeting, even though they had voted via email two weeks ago. McShea explained that the comprehensive plan is a compilation of the 2009-2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Field Needs Assessment and Master Plan Update 2012, as well as the 10 year capital plan which was previously approved by the commission. Marotta motion to accept the comprehensive plan, second Beagan. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Update on Fairbank Task Force: Committee will be putting out a needs assessment survey to the community and will start gathering data to determine if the facility should be upgraded, torn down and redone or kept the same. McShea commented that the information gained through this needs assessment will be very useful for the recreation department as we can use the information to plan programs, class offerings, etc.

Old Items: Cutting Sign: Sign design is completed for Cutting Field. Middlesex Bank is donating sign, about \$20,000 value. The sign is solar powered and will be a scoreboard on one side for the field users

and will say Cutting Field, Middlesex Bank on the other. Waiting for it to get approve from the BOS who is vetting it with the various boards and committees who have jurisdiction over signs.

Commission Goals: tabled until next meeting.

Other: Griffin met with baseball and discussed some of their needs for fields etc. moving forward. One thought was to develop an “instructional” size 4 field complex that would allow for those fields to be removed from the school and kept in one area. This would provide for much better field conditions and prevent the overuse issues we now face with the fields being utilized all day long with elementary school recess and physical education classes.

At next meeting Commission to discuss next steps in moving forward on the design money for Davis and redesign money for Featherland. Beagan spoke about a field complex he visited in Waltham that had a great design and utilized the whole space yet added items to the fields like playgrounds and walking paths. McShea commented that the more park like we make these complexes and the more offerings they have for everyone the easier it will be to garner support from many entities to get the funding needed to construct them. McShea also commented that because the town has an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan then we can apply for PARC grants, and if approved we could potentially recoup 54% of our construction costs for these projects.

McShea to follow up with Bill Place and conservation regarding Ti-Sales and the need to gain an additional 4’ of space to put in the proper entry drive there.

Next meeting to be held Wednesday June 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Gozdeck motion to adjourn, second Beagan. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned 8:41 am.