

Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2013

Present: Commissioners- Dick Williamson, Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta

Guests: Bill Place, DPW Director

Meeting started at 7:00pm.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Ti-Sales – Bill Place was invited to the meeting to present plans for the redesign of Ti-Sales field. The current plan is to build a softball field at Ti-Sales field and relocate men's softball from Featherland to Ti-Sales. Bill presented a blueprint of the field and the proposed softball field design. He stated that part of the field will be in the buffer zone and there will have to be a trade off with Conservation for land use. He also stated that the Town Manager would also have to be included in the discussion for any land swaps. Power to the field for lights will not be a problem. The biggest problem is the wet lands and the road access off Hudson Road. Currently there is a one way access to the field at Ti-Sales. Bill stated that he would need an additional 4 feet of land in order to make a road that would meet the requirements for two-way traffic. Bill said he would not have a problem talking to Bert Ti or his son regarding the entry into the Ti-Sales field. The Commission felt the next step would be for Nancy McShea, Bill Place and Debbie Dineen (Conservation) to meet and start to move forward with this project.

Haskell Playground Trees – Bill Place asked the Park and Recreation Commission to revisit their vote on removal of the trees at the Haskell Playground site. He stated that there is a need for shade at the Playground and the trees were purchased through a generous donation. He stated that the trees did not pose a problem for the soccer fields in the fall. He said that the soccer field in the spring were initially laid too close to the trees and have since be corrected. In the future, he felt there would be more than enough room to lay out the required fields for soccer and lacrosse in the spring.

After discussion, the Park and Park and Recreation Commission took a vote to rescind the vote to remove the trees and voted to keep the trees as planted at Haskell field. The vote was approved 3-0.

Cutting Sign – Paul reported that the Middlesex Bank scoreboard sign will go before the Selectmen at the next meeting. The Selectmen will send to the other boards for approval. Once approved, an account will need to be set up to fund the maintenance for the sign.

Town Meeting Update – Dick asked if the other Commissioners received any feedback on the CPC presentation regarding the LSRSH girls' softball field. Paul said he wasn't able to attend but heard the presentation went well. The Commissioners did express some concern regarding the LSRHS School Committee and the Lincoln CPC money.

Field Enterprise Fund – Jim Marotta requested an update on the Field Enterprise Funds. He would like to know where the money comes from and how it is allocated throughout the year. The Commission is not sure if they want to pursue the Stabilization Fund that Andrea Terkelson discussed at a prior meeting.

Sports Council/Friends of Park and Recreation - Paul reported that he will not be moving forward with the Sports Council. He has not received a lot of interest from the youth groups.

Misc – Paul asked for an update on the issue with Coach Mitchell, from Sudbury Little League, and the confrontation he had with the LSRHS girls' softball coach at Featherland Park. Nancy McShea did receive an update from Nancy O'Neill (AD at LSRHS) and will be asked to forward the information to all the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm