

Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2014

Present: Commissioners- Dick Williamson (left at 7:10pm), Paul Griffin (arrived at 7:10pm), Jim Marotta, Bobby Beagan, Tobj Gozdeck

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Minutes from December and January approved with corrections. 4-0

Public Comment: No Guests

Revolving Fund Articles for Town Meeting: Pat Haberstroh distributed warrant articles for signature by the Park and Recreation Commissioners. The articles will be presented and voted on at Town Meeting to authorize the use of a Revolving Fund in FY15 for Park and Recreation programs and activities. The forms to be signed by the Commissioners include the Recreation Revolving Fund, the Teen Center Revolving Fund, and the Youth Commission Revolving Fund. Pat explained how the Revolving Funds are used by the Park and Recreation Department.

Dick made a motion to approve the revolving fund articles for Park and Recreation. Tobj seconded and the motion was passed 4 -0.

Gale Study - Commissioners discussed the need for an additional field study to include the non-organized groups to see what their needs are at Davis field. Tobj pointed out that Nancy McShea informed him that any additional type of study would be an added cost and not included in original contract fee. It was stated that perhaps Friends of Park and Recreation might be able to help out with any added expense.

Bobby questioned if the Commission could do their own survey without using Gale. Tobj stated a third party would be viewed as more objective and the results would be better received by the public.

Jim asked the names of the non-organized user groups that were not included in the Gale study. The list includes dog walkers, Ultimate Frisbee users, and rocket launchers. It was also stated that there are residents that don't want anything done at Davis.

Bobby stated he felt the Commission already had the information they needed from the non-organized users and they would not learn much more from a new study.

Tobj mentioned that he requested Sean Boyd, Gale Assoc. to come to the next Commission meeting but he was told that Gale is approaching the max for the number of meetings in the contract.

The Commissioners asked to get a copy of the contract signed by Gale. Pat will contact Nancy.

The Commissioners stated that Davis is already considered a Recreation parcel not open space. It was decided that Gale should design a plan that takes the input from the last two meetings along with the updated master plan and gets the maximum use out of the field. This plan will then be presented to the town.

Bobby stated his concern that they must start resting some of the fields because Haskell in particular is really starting to show wear.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2014