

Town of Sudbury

Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014

Present: Commissioners- Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta, Todj Gozdeck, Bobby Beagan
Guests: Mike Ensley and another representative from Little League

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Minutes from February 10th were approved with corrections 3-0 (B.Beagan did not vote)

Gale Contract – Commissioners discussed the Gale contract and the status of Davis field. Paul stated he would like the entire field brought up to grade and would like to see it with mixed use. He did not think there was a need to specify how the field would be laid out at this time. He stated he felt the field would have to be raised 4-6 feet and that parking would be the most challenging at Davis. He felt the Rail Trail development could also add to the parking issues.

Jim Marotta asked if the Gale plan included the potential need for the Rail Trail parking.

Todj Gozdeck stated he felt all 3 Gale plans included parking. It was stated that Gale should be contacted to see if in fact their plans include parking for Rail Trail use.

Todj questioned whether the Commission wanted to make a decision on one of the Gale plans for Davis. Paul reiterated he would like to wait and see the field brought up to grade before designing the field layout. Todj stated he didn't think any of the 3 Gale plans included raising the level of the field. He thought the plans were presented as already graded.

The next steps were identified as getting in touch with Gale regarding the parking and asking if the Rail Trail was taken into consideration. The Commissioners also wanted to see if the Gale plans include the bringing the field up to grade.

It was stated that Gale should be invited to the next meeting to discuss costs, design and to get a final plan for Davis.

Jim stated he is interested in getting a timeline for Davis and the plans to see what will be required in the development.

Featherland Field - An email from Nancy McShea was discussed regarding the potential of leasing use and maintenance of Featherland field to Little League. There was a possibility that the idea would be on the BOS agenda March 11th, but it was removed and would not be discussed.

The potential lease idea needs to be discussed first at the BOS level.

Todj Gozdeck asked Mike Ensley if baseball was interested in this plan. Mr. Ensley stated that he thought Little League voted in favor of the idea. This idea would need to be discussed with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel and approved at Town Meeting. Todj stated he spoke with the several Selectmen regarding the idea. Little League would not own the field, but would lease it from the town and be responsible for the maintenance.

The Commission discussed what that would actually mean; who would provide all necessary maintenance, would Little League still pay a permit fee, would others who used the field pay Little League or Park and Recreation the permit fee. It was felt that many areas would have to be worked out if this idea moved forward.

Jim Marotta asked what the reason was for suggesting Little League lease the field. Little League would be doing the work renovating the field and would like to get it ready the 50/70 ft. diamond renovated and to play in spring of 2015.

Capital Plan - He would like to review it again and move some items around but suggested waiting until Nancy returned from medical leave.

Old Items- Nothing new on the Memorandum of Understanding with LSRHS or the Cutting Field sign, although Paul said there was a change in personnel and he is still working on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 6:30pm.