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Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2015

Present: Commissioners- Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta, Bobby Beagan, Mike Ensley, Dick Williamson
(7:30pm)
Guests: Bill Place

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Motion to approve minutes from January 12th and January 26th 2015 4-0

Public Comment: None

Davis Field Review - Bill Place attended the meeting to report on the renovation of Davis Field. Jim M. asked Bill about his plans for using in house staff for the field renovation. Bill stated that he has had the renovation of Davis Field on his agenda for quite some time. He had spoken to Maureen about it before and she came to him when the discussion to renovate Davis came up. He told her he could do it for \$1.2 million not including irrigation. He has the staff available and would have to rent some equipment. Nancy stated that Gale will have to file a notice of intent with the Conservation Commission. Gale will indicate where the wells for irrigation could be drilled. Jim stated that he heard a well feasibility study is a waste of money. Nancy responded with it is a good thing to do to determine if there is water. The estimate for the well is \$20,000., which is the same cost to put in a well.

Jim asked Bill the timeframe for the project. Bill said he could start in May, after Town Meeting, and work through the fall. He would hope to have the field graded and seeded, the baseball fields roughly cut out and the fencing up. He would also like to put the lines in for the irrigation.

Mike Ensley asked if there would be any hidden costs. Bill stated he wasn't aware of any.

PARC Grant - Jim M. sent out information on the PARC Grant. He was not aware of the timing for submission and stated the deadline may have been missed for this year's funding. He also stated that there is no guarantee that the Town would receive the total \$400,000 grant, it depends on how many other groups are applying for the grant. Nancy added that the new governor might decide to not fund the PARC grants. It was thought that the Davis renovation project would have to be delayed for about a year to apply for the grant. Nancy reported that the Town Meeting article does not reference the PARC grant. It was decided to move ahead with the Davis project and let the Planning Committee and CPC know of the PARC Grant status.

Park and Recreation Commission Charter - Mike E. stated he spoke with Maureen Valente regarding a charter for the Park and Recreation Commission. Mike was looking for background on the mission for the Park and Recreation Commission. There was discussion of the past when the Park and Recreation Commission seemed to have more control on what was done, but now seems to be more involved in recommendations. Bobby B. asked if other Commissions had charters. Mike stated that Marianne B. (the acting Town Manager) is looking into this and will follow-up with him.

Budget Review - Mike requested that the Commission be more informed about the Park and Recreation/Atkinson Pool budget process. He requested quarterly review on where things are in the department, how things are working. He felt it would be helpful to all the Commissioners to be better prepared to answer any questions from the public,

New Community Center Discussion - Nancy discussed the plans for the proposed new Community Center. Three plans were discussed; a base plan, mid-range plan, and high range plan. Nancy stated she still thinks the numbers regarding staffing the facility need to be looked at again. Jim M. stated he felt the financial part is the most important issue. How much revenue will the new facility produce and will it be enough to cover all expenses. The ongoing question was will the revenue generated by the pool and programs be enough to cover the operating expenses.

A Public Meeting is scheduled for March 26th. Discussion was held on the plan and if it is ready to be presented to the public since all the operating expenses aren't firm. It was stated that the plans are preliminary and the public meeting is to get input from the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm