

## **DRAFT**

Town of Sudbury  
Park and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2015

Present: Commissioners - Bobby Beagan, Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta; Guests: John Danielson, resident

**Public Comment** - John Danielson stated he sent an email to the Park and Recreation Director regarding the renovation of the softball field at Featherland. He stated the fence is ugly and makes it hard to watch and enjoy the games. He feels something has been lost in watching the game. The fence is too high, silver instead of black, and due to the bull pen the viewer has to look through several fences to see the game. Jim Marotta commented that safety was a big concern which is why they used a 6ft fence. Jim stated he would speak with Nancy and Sudbury baseball to see what they thought about the 6ft fence especially on the first base side of the field and see if something could be done to make viewing better.

**Davis Field Update** - Jim reported that the parking area has been shaped differently and the drainage has been changed. The revised plan is estimated to cost \$892,162. The Commission will still need to go before the Conservation Committee for site approval. Bill Place's office generated the plan. Paul and Jim stated they thought this plan would be still be objected to by the residents who voted against the previous plan. Jim stated that if the PARC Grant is received more work will be able to be done at Davis. Paul suggested the design be shown without specific fields laid out. He thought it would look more like what it will be which is an open field and hay area.

The Commissioner's discussed the need to do a better job explaining the field shortage in town and need to use Davis as an athletic field.

Jim stated he would submit the Parc Grant to the Board of Selectmen. The plan still needs to be finalized and will still need permitting. The current plan is much different than the previous plan that was voted down by the residents.

Jim presented the revised cost estimate and plan for construction of the two multi-purpose fields at Davis to the other Commissioners.

A motion was made to approve the proposed draft plan and budget by Bill Place and to submit them along with the Parc Application to the Board of Selectmen.

The motion received a second and was approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm