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Commission Minutes

Dick Williamson, Michael Ensley, Jim Marotta, Mara Huston; Kayla McNamara, Aquatics, Park and Recreation Director Guests: Michael Sobol

Minutes from the June Commission meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Pickleball – Michael Sobol, Grouse Hill, Sudbury, asked the Commission to investigate the possibility of adding Pickleball lines to a court at Feeley. He said his group currently plays at Longfellow, but they need to line the courts themselves with tape. He would also like to be able to play outside in Sudbury. Commissioners informed Mr. Sobol that two Pickelball courts are located at Fairbank and that the renovated courts at Featherland will be lined for Pickleball. He stated he was aware of the courts at Haskell, but it is difficult to play on them since there is no fence around them at this time. Michael E. asked Kayla if she could investigate the cost of adding two Pickleball courts at Feeley. Kayla informed the Commission that Feeley currently has many cracks and she is looking into having it resurfaced. She stated she would get the costs to add lines for Pickleball. Michael E. asked how much Kayla thought she could afford out of her budget to fund this expense. Kayla stated she would probably be able to cover \$500 dollars. Nets will need to be purchased and a place to store them would have to be secured.

Motion made to allow Kayla to move forward with adding lines for Pickleball at Feeley if she can pay (up to \$500) of the expenses associated with this action. Dick Williamson seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0.

LS Softball Field – Kayla reported to the Commission that LSRHS view of the girls softball field is that only LS and Sudbury girls softball can use the field. Girls' softball view was that others could use it too.

Mara H. stated she reviewed past meeting minutes and could not find the Community Field agreement. The Commissioners stated that the agreement for the LSRHS softball field was never completed.

Jim Marotta stated that renovations of Turf 1 and Turf 2 at the high school are almost complete and he informed the Commission that the high school is also requesting funds to renovate the Community Field. He stated the request will be on the warrant for the Fall Town meeting.

Cutting Field is older and should be renovated before the Community field, so this surprised the Commissioners. In addition, they discussed how the Community Field agreement specified that LSRHS set up an account to hold the Community Field permit fees.

Mike Ensley asked if the Commission should write a letter to the Selectmen expressing Park and Recreation's concern regarding the LSRHS request for funds to renovate the Community Field.

Mara H. asked if the Commission should reach out to the Chair of the LS School Committee to get an understanding of the request and their view on the Community Field agreement.

The Commission discussed the possibility of developing an article for funds to renovate Cutting Field for the Fall Town warrant.

A Park and Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2016 at 6:00pm to discuss the Community Field and the possibility of offering an article to request funds to renovate Cutting Field for the Fall Town meeting.

Misc.: Michael E. informed the Commission that the Fire Department has requested to use Feeley Field parking lot while the Route 20 station is renovated.

Michael reported that the Fairbank Task Force reviewed and approved a feasibility study with a new vendor. The study, approved by the Selectmen, will report on costs for a new facility and a renovation of the existing facility. The best option for the town will be presented at town meeting.

The Commission briefly discussed the Melone property. Kayla stated there is still much clean up to do before the land can be developed. Jim M. stated the Commission has been talking about development at Melone for years and does not really think Recreation is that interested in it anymore.

Michael E. met with Sudbury Soccer and stated that it appears that their belief is that there is a "pay to play" for fields.

Mara questioned how to move away from user groups paying for improvements at fields? The option of putting money into the stabilization fund was suggested; the Town would use that money to improve the fields.

Michael E. also stated he would like to work with Dan Nason, DPW Director, to move the Park and Grounds salaries out of the Field Enterprise Fund and back to the Town Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.