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Commission Meeting
September 25, 2017

Bobby Beagan, Mara Huston, Jim Marotta, Dick Williamson, Kayla McNamara-Dir Park and Recreation
Guests: Mike Sobel, Bob Clark (Pickleball), Chris Felt (Park and Grounds) Dan Nason (DPW Director), Jean Nam, Lottie Diomedede, Lisa Kouchakdjian (School Playgrounds)

Minutes from August 28, 2017 approved with corrections. 3-0

Public Comment: Mike Sobel and Bob Clark questioned the status of painting Pickleball court lines on a court at Feeley. Kayla responded a court is scheduled to be painted by the end of September, but the date may be moved to October due to weather. The Pickleball nets will be located in a storage container near the tennis courts. The Town of Sudbury will pay \$500 for lining the courts and will pay for the storage container. The Pickleball user group will pay for the other net and the remaining expense for lining the courts as agreed.

Playground at Schools/Haskell Playground Update - Jean Nam and Lottie Diomedede presented information on the Playgrounds at the Sudbury elementary schools showing all four school playgrounds need renovation because they are currently not in compliance. The current playground surface was grandfathered in, but the grace period is expiring and they need to be brought up to code. Jean and Lottie are aware that the Haskell playground is not in compliance since wood chips still cover some playground surfaces.

The plan is for all four elementary schools to have pour and play surfaces, with equipment replaced that is no longer up to code.

An article requesting funds for the playgrounds will be on the fall Town meeting warrant, and if it passes, the timeline shows Haynes playground renovated in 2018 with Noyes, Nixon, and Loring renovated in 2019. The estimated expense for 2018 is \$275,776 and \$1,070,575 in 2019. Grants and other funding sources may reduce the cost to the Town.

Jim M. asked if there were alternatives to the pour and play surface. Lottie responded that the pour and play surface is the most cost effective.

Bobby Beagan questioned the status of the Haskell playground. Chris Felt stated he will patch the pour and play surface and has repaired one of the climbing structures. Additional wood chips were added to the surface.

Lottie offered to assist Park and Recreation with the Haskell playground when the surface is changed to all pour and play instead of a mix of wood chips, pour and play and hardtop.

Bobby Beagan felt the Park and Recreation Commission and the Director should have been brought in earlier on the playground renovation discussions. Jean stated she had been working with Jim Kelly,

Facilities Director. Bobby asked about the safety issues at the school playgrounds. Unsafe structures were shut down.

The Sudbury School Committee voted in favor of the article, but expressed concern regarding the expense. Lisa Kouchakdjian stated safety was the big concern and the school committee voted to support the article and bring it to residents at the Town meeting.

Jim M. asked if they were looking for a motion from the Park and Recreation Commission. Jean and Lottie stated they were looking for overall support of the plan for the school playgrounds.

A Motion was made and received a second stating the Park and Recreation Commission is in support of the efforts to keep the school playgrounds safe and compliant for the children of Sudbury.

Motion passed 4-0 in favor.

Featherland Tennis Court Update – Dan Nason stated he is working on the specifications of the project and getting ready to put it out to bid. He estimated the project will start in the spring of 2018 and be completed by the summer of 2018. Dan also stated he has reservations that the \$220,000 approved will be enough to cover to cost of the project. Bobby questioned if the Commission would have to request additional funds in the spring Town meeting. Jim M. asked if CPA funds could be used for project administration costs. Bobby will check. Dan stated he does not like to go back to the Town for more money for an approved project.

Field Conditions Template- postponed until next meeting.

Budget Review – Kayla reported that both Enterprise Funds are currently running a deficit, but it is early in the Fiscal Year, so she is not concerned at this time.

Jim M. asked if the Commissioners had specific reports they would like see. Mara said she would like to see a yearly comparison tracking expense verse revenue. A quarterly comparison report was also requested.

Other Business – Chris Felt reported that he and Keven (LSRHS) walked Cutting and LSRHS turf fields with an outside contractor. He is currently waiting for the GMAX test results of both fields.

Kayla will discuss field expenses with the Town Manager to see if there is a vehicle to fund anything considered a critical safety issue. Chris F. stated he gave Sudbury Youth Soccer a price for field treatment earlier this week.

Bobby B. reported that the Elementary School Playground article is the only one considered for CPC funds. He said the committee had many questions and wondered why they were just hearing about the safety concerns.

Oct 3rd, 2017 Melone meeting – Mara will be attending – (Mara was sick and did not attend).

Raytheon/Whole Foods check – Board of Selectmen will be voting to accept it.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

