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April 30, 2018

Commission Meeting

Attendees: Commissioners: Bobby Beagan, Michael Ensley, Jim Marotta, Dick Williamson, Kayla Wright, Dir Park and Rec/Aquatics, Julie Harrington, Asst. Park and Rec/Aquatics Director, Kevin Sugermeier, Youth Coordinator,
Guests: Dan Nason (DPW Director), Neil Meltzer (Men's Softball), Mark Pappas, (Flag Football), Mike Meixsell, Suzanne Chinoid

Minutes from March meeting reviewed and approved 4-0.

Public Comment – Suzanne Chinoid, Concord Road, informed the Commissioners of an issue that occurred at Featherland Park during a LSRSH track event. The issue involved use of the bathrooms. The Commission informed Ms. Chinoid that this was a LSRHS event not one sponsored by Park and Recreation. Mike Ensley stated he would contact the Athletic Director at the high school and inform him of the issue.

Barton Drive – Mike Meixsell, 55 Hudson Road, spoke to the Commissioner about his property on Barton Road. The lot is up for sale, the house on it is condemned, but the lot has value because it provides access to the Stearns Mill Pond. Mr. Meixsell gave the Commissioners the history of the land near his property and said back in the 60s the site was used for various recreation activities such as swimming, sailing, waterskiing, ice-skating, and ice fishing. The Stearns Mill pond currently has issues, but he stated they should be cleaned up in 5 to 10 years. Mr. Meixsell contacted the Town Manager to see if the Town had any interest in the land and wanted to let the Park and Recreation Commission know that the land was for sale.

Fees – Mark Pappas, Flag Football, questioned the increase in the field permit fees. This is the first year he is paying the new rates that went in to effect last July, and finds them to be quite high. He questioned why he has to pay per participant instead of hourly. Mark stated he paid hourly in the past, but now has to pay per participant since the program runs for 9 weeks.

Neil Meltzer, from Congregation Or Atid, attended the last Commission meeting and was asked to attend the April 30 meeting. His concerns are similar to Mr. Pappas and the impact of the new fees on the smaller groups. Mr. Ensley asked Kayla and Kevin to review the new and old fees to see how the increase affects the smaller groups. Michael is interested in how many groups had their fees increased significantly due to the new rates.

Cutting Field Presentation – Dan Nason, DPW Director, distributed a Cutting field rendering created from the survey and an aerial photo. Dan discussed two options:

Option 1: replaces the existing turf in kind without a shock pad. \$437,060 or 464,000 for a 2.25 pile height

Option 2: replaces the existing turf with a 1.75 pile height over a 14mm shock pad. \$568,000

Both estimates include a 12% contingency fee and could be reduced by \$20,000 est. for infill that is reusable.

Mr. Ensley asked if shock pads were used in the renovation of Turf 1 and Turf 2 at the LSRHS field. Jim Marotta asked if the shock pad helps with maintenance.

Cutting Field is currently very busy on the weekends and after 3 o'clock. Sports booked at Cutting include lacrosse, soccer, and flag football at times.

Jim M. asked what the timeline would be if funds for Cutting are approved at Town meeting. Dan stated the bid would go out 4 to 6 weeks after funds are approved.

Dan was uncomfortable confirming a timeline for the project since so many variables could change the timeframe. Mike E. stated he was looking at the spring, unless fall ended up working better for everyone. Fall would be best to renovate Cutting unless things moved quickly and work could be done in the summer.

Featherland Update – Dan reported that the bid process is on track and they should have some cost estimates by May 24.

Director Update – spring programs are underway and staff is preparing for summer programs. Many sessions of Sudbury Summer Camp are full, but there are still some weeks with openings. Summer Counselors are hired.

Fairbanks Task Force Update – Jim M. stated the Task Force presented the plan for the Fairbanks Community Center to the Board of Selectmen on April 24, 2018 with a recommendation to approve the Fairbank Community Design Funds. He said it is now up to the Town to show the need for the building. The task force is looking for the BOS to support the plan or not. He stated the task force feels they followed the directive they were given and now the Town needs to present it to the residents.

Misc.

Water Refilling Stations – Julie has a meeting on this next week.

Michael will follow up with Melissa to see where we are with the increase in fees at the Pool.

Michael E. will follow up with the LSRHS Athletic Director to see where they are with the proposed increase in turf rental fees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

