

October 9, 2018

Commission Meeting

Commissioners: Bobby Beagan, Michael Ensley, Jim Marotta (6:45pm), Mara Huston, Dick Williamson

Park and Recreation: Kayla Wright, Dir.

Motion to accept the minutes from September 24, 2018 with corrections received a second and approved 4-0.

Public Comment - None

Director Update – Kayla is working with Pat Brown on the Fairbank Community Center presentation at Town meeting. Bobby asked what Kayla's roll is. Pat Brown will present the article, Kayla and others involved with the building will be available to assist and answer any questions. Bobby asked if plan is still good or if anything has changed. Kayla said she is still wondering if the exercise equipment is necessary.

Two new Program Coordinators have been hired in Recreation. One has a slant towards the Pool and the other is focused on Youth/Teen programs.

There is an Aquatic Supervisor opening at the Pool. Kayla hopes to have the open position posted by the end of the week.

Bobby asked who is teaching lessons. Kayla has part time staff for now and is working on finding new instructors.

Kayla reported the dive well pump broke on September 30. It is fixed and may cost up to \$5,000. She is planning to use the pool donation funds to cover the cost.

Fall Festival and 5K will be held on October 25.

CPC placeholders have been submitted. Form A deadline has been extended until October 15.

Chris Felt is looking into the second well at Haskell. He is currently waiting for additional information.

Kayla reported that the trash at Cutting field has become a real problem. She stops on her way in and picks up the trash on the field even though trash barrels are right outside the fence.

The repairs to Cutting fence are complete.

Featherland Phase II CPC & Phase I Update - The tennis courts at Featherland are complete. The courts will be locked until October 12, to let the paint dry. Mara stated she submitted the

Form A for Featherland Phase 2. Mara will ask Dan Nason to put together the pricing for the remaining two courts. A total of \$35,000 dollars left from Phase 1.

Mara has spoken with Art Reilley, LSRHS Athletic Director, about other funding sources for the tennis courts, such as LS Booster, free cash or other donations. Mara stated the Commission will need to vote to let Dan handle the bid documents and pricing for the remaining two tennis courts.

Motion made to authorize Dan Nason to move forward with bid documents for Phase 2 of the Featherland tennis court renovation using the remaining funds from Phase 1.

Kayla will send out Mara's Form A to the Commission.

Rail Trail Article Vote – Bobby stated the only new information is the BOS has not voted in support of the Rail Trail Article. He does not think the BOS is behind the article and may not support it. Dick Williamson stated he did not think it was in the Park and Recreation Commission Charter to direct Town finances. Bobby was concerned the Town might take free cash from other Recreation funds. Jim Marotta said the Rail Trail would be good for the Town and agreed the Commission should vote on that, not the funding.

Jim made a motion for the Park and Recreation Commission to support Article 7 requesting \$650,000 to fund the Rail Trail. Motion received a second and passed 3-0. Two Commissioners abstained from the vote.

Broadacre Farm – Commission discussed the CPC request for Broadacre Farm and the designated three parcels of land. The 1.9 million request from the CPC is for the plot designated as Recreation land. The Commission may not need to vote now if the 1.9 million is funded by CPC money.

Community Center – Bobby reported he received a message from Pat Brown, BOS, that the Town Manager heard Park and Recreation was wavering on their support of the Community Center. Bobby said he heard the seniors no longer support the plan, which is confusing because the COA hadn't changed their position. Bobby informed the Town Manager the Park and Recreation Commission had not changed their position on supporting the new Community Center. Michael Ensley stated the Task Force was not tasked with marketing or selling the new facility to the Town. Bobby said he will send an email to the Town Manager stating the Park and Recreation Commissions continued support of the new Community Center.

Capital Items Prioritization – Kayla reviewed the past Capital Items and stated the Haskell playground surface has been repaired. Commissioners discussed field conditions and the possibility of having Chris Felt, Park and Grounds and a vendor work together on improving Haskell field. Kayla discussed the idea of a spray park at the Fairbank Community Center location. After discussion, the Commissioners prioritized the capital list as follows: 1. Complete renovation of Featherland tennis courts, 2. Level Davis field, 3. Splash Park at Fairbank Community Center, 4. Haskell field improvements, 5. Additional small baseball and softball diamonds in Town, 6. LS lights, 7. Lights at Cutting field 8. Solar lights at Haskell/walkways, 9. Deck Hockey

Commissioners also discussed moving request for security lights and camera for fields to the Field Improvements Capital funds.

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm