

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

April 12, 2013

7:45 am at Warren

Attending:

Tom Harrington, Recreation	Jan Kasetta, Recreation	Mike Quinn, DPW
Owen Dugan, DPW	Dave Hickey, DPW	Mike Pakstis, DPW
Mike Jennings, Lacrosse	Stephen Murphy, NRC	Jeannette DiBiase, Little League
Patti Quigley, School Comm.	Cynthia Westerman, Football	

Minutes for February 8, 2013:

<u>Motion:</u>	By Steve Murphy to approve Minutes of February 8 th .
<u>Seconded:</u>	By Mike Jennings
<u>Vote:</u>	All in favor

High School Stadium Task Force:

This Task Force has completed their work. The final document can be found on the website.

900 Worcester Street Update:

The project is at a standstill, waiting for the most recent appeal to be decided.

Sprague Field Conflicts:

This is in regards to some local adult groups that go down to Sprague to play pickup. This has led to some conflicts with the youth sports leagues. An even bigger concern is that there are many people who would appear to be non-residents.

Discussion included: selling badges (similar to Morses Pond tags) for identification, hiring a police detail for a few weeks and putting better signage on the fields.

The group decided that Mike Jennings would speak to Terry Cunningham to see if he has some input.

Sprague Meadow Parking & Bathrooms:

Mike Pakstis and Dave Hickey said that they are currently addressing the parking issue; not the bathroom issue.

Dave presented some photos which showed what the problem is and a blueprint of a potential plan for remediation.

Tom explained that it isn't just an after school issue. The biggest problem will occur when the high school finishes use of the field at 5:30 pm and the youth sports groups arrive at the same time.

Owen suggested that some of the school vans could be moved to free up a number of spots.

Patti Quigley will follow up with the School Committee about moving the vans to another place. She will also discuss the general parking procedures and traffic flow for that area.

General Fields Discussion:

Cynthia W. asked about the former basketball courts/current parking lot at the high school. Steve Murphy and Mike Pakstis said that following the completion of the high school construction, that area would be restored to its former use. There was some discussion about keeping it as parking due to the projected increase of students at the high school. Steve said that any change in plan would have to go to NRC as it is NRC land.

Mike Pakstis said that they are going to begin designing a new bathroom at Hunnewell. He wanted to know if the current location should remain.

Next meeting:

Friday, May 10, 2013, 7:45 am @ Warren

Motion: To adjourn by Mike Jennings
Seconded: By Cynthia Westerman
Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.