PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

March 14, 2014

7:45 am at Warren

Attending:

Tripp Sheehan, Recreation	John Brown, AD	Rick Kinney, Little League
Jeanette Dibiase, Little League	Patti Quigley, School Comm.	Mike Quinn, DPW
Bill Darcey, Youth Hockey	Mike Pakstis, DPQ	Mike Jennings, Lacrosse
Janet Bowser, NRC	Stephen Murphy, NRC	Dave Hickey, DPW
Jennifer Halloran, Football	Wendy Willrich, Citizen	Ed Lasch, Soccer
Jan Kaseta, Recreation		

Minutes for November 8, 2013:

Motion: By Steve Murphy to approve Minutes of November 8, 2013.
Seconded: By Mike Jennings
Vote: All in favor

Baseball/Softball:

Request to install outlets at Lee & Hunnewell II.

Jeannette DiBiasi and Rick Kinney asked that outlets be installed for a sound system and, for the future, concessions and score board. They explained where they would like to see the outlets placed.

Mike Quinn said that he had spoken to MLP and that it is a costly job involving wiring at $10 a foot, plus meters, etc. Mike also said that the boxes that are there are not the same voltage and the Town has strict standards.

Janet Bowser was asked if NRC had any issues with it. She answered that any trenching for power lines would need a wetlands review and that sound systems would need to adhere to decibel limits.

Bathrooms:
Jeannette spoke about the need for access to bathrooms or permission to place port-o-potties at fields, especially during the spring and also during the summer when access to schools is limited or non-existent. Jeannette said that it is especially important when there are double-headers.

Wall-Ball:

Tabled until next meeting.

Field Rehabilitation Schedule:

Ed Lasch spoke about the need to rest and rehab some fields. He suggested that the HS stadium be closed at the end of spring and not used again until fall. He also spoke about similar needs at Sprague 1 & 4 and Hunnewell II (Multipurpose).

Ed will write this up and send out an email.

Mike Jennings said that some fencing at Sprague would help keep people on the paths to the fields instead of having them cut across fields causing muddy conditions.

Turf Replacement & Field Maintenance Account:

Tripp Sheehan and Andy Wrobel worked with the Recreation secretary, Kris Bemis. It was determined that all funds were accounted for, but, some turf funds were deposited into the field account. The bottom line is that approximately $21,000 was deposited into the wrong account.

Mike Quinn has contacted the turf company and it looks like the synthetic may last longer than expected. He is going to have them come in for an inspection this spring. He did confirm that the pellets we use are still quite expensive. Dave Hickey has spoken with Gale Associates and confirmed that replacement will be about $400,000.

Mike Pakstis suggested that an additional $5 be added to Youth Sports fees to increase the amount being put into the Field Accounts.

Tripp Sheehan said that Recreation should come up with a plan to make restitution to the turf account.

General Fields Discussion:

High School Stadium: Patti Quigley reported that it has been suggested to her that this project should be part of an overall master plan. Patti will speak to Barbara McMahon to confirm what CPC would like to see.

Mike Quinn said that it is becoming imperative to replace or do major repairs to the track.

Use of Sprague Fields without Permits: Mike Jennings thanked DPW for plowing the turf fields. However, since we have the only plowed fields, other towns are showing up and using the fields. Mike spoke with Tom Harrington who said, that the out of town kids shouldn't be on the fields, but you can't kick them off. Mike suggested signage to at least announce that the fields are for residents.

Next meeting:

Friday, April 11, 2014, 7:45 am @ Warren

Motion:	To adjourn by Ed Lasch
Seconded:	By Patti Quigley
Vote:	All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9 am.