

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

May 10, 2013

7:45 am at Warren

Attending:

Tom Harrington, Recreation
Bill Darcey, Hockey
Owen Dugan, DPW

Jan Kasetta, Recreation
Cynthia Westerman, Football
Stephen Murphy, NRC

Patti Quigley, School Comm.
Don McCauley, Selectmen

Minutes for April 12, 2013:

Motion: By Own Dugan to approve Minutes of April 12th.
Seconded: By Patti Quigley
Vote: All in favor

900 Worcester Street Update:

There is no update on this project.

Sprague Field/Adult Users:

Tom Harrington still needs to talk to the Police Chief about the situation.

Tom did speak with Matt Chin about establishing an adult program.

Recreation is hiring a seasonal Park Ranger this summer. The person will have responsibilities at the beach, fields and tennis courts.

Sprague Meadow Parking & Bathrooms:

Cynthia Westerman said that when she was at Sprague one day, she observed that the traffic was moving smoothly. Patti Quigley said that she has communicated the need for better traffic flow, along with suggestions, and people seem to be following through.

Patti also talked to the School Committee about the idea for a loop at the end of the drive (near building) to help with traffic flow. People seem to be behind the idea. Tom will talk to Mike Pakstis about design.

Owen asked Patti to check into why there are 3 big buses parked at Sprague.

General Fields Discussion:

Cynthia W. asked about the old basketball court at the high school. Jan Kasetta reported that at this week's Recreation Commission meeting, Andy Wrobel presented the plans for the courts to be restored and the plan is for this project to be done in the fall. The plan will provide for the courts to be used for ice skating in the winter.

Discussion followed about the need to keep this area as a parking lot. Some members felt that keeping it as a parking lot would be beneficial, as parking at the High School is tight. Both Tom and Steve Murphy explained that the courts are on parkland and not only does the agreement state that it would be restored to its prior use, but it would take an act from the Legislature to change the use.

High School Stadium Project:

Patti Quigley said that there has been discussion at the School Committee meetings and it will continue at upcoming meetings.

Cynthia Westerman said that many people seem to be in support of the project and want to know what the next steps are. She also said that people want to know where the HS Athletic Dept stands on the matter, yet she understands that the AD doesn't want to comment until the School Committee makes their stand public.

Patti will let PFTF members know when it comes up on the School Committee agenda.

Tom said that the HSSTF has been invited to speak to CPC about the project.

Next meeting:

Friday, June 14, 2013, 7:45 am @ Warren

Motion: To adjourn by Bill Darcey
Seconded: By Patti Quigley
Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.