

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

May 9, 2014

7:45 am at Warren

Attending:

Patti Quigley, School Comm.
Tripp Sheehan, Recreation
Jan Kaseta, Recreation

Mike Jennings, Lacrosse
Stephen Murphy, NRC

Mike Pakstis, DPW
Jeanette DeBiase, Little League

Minutes from: April 11, 2014

Tabled to next meeting.

Request to install outlets at Lee & Hunnewell II:

Mike Quinn put in the outlet at Hunnewell II and has provided estimates to do the work at Lee.

Jeanette DeBiase said that the outlet at Hunnewell should be sufficient for this season, but she will take it back to the LL board for confirmation.

Hardy Bathroom:

The principal approved putting a port-o-potty at the back of the field.

Patti will speak with the Superintendent as she thought that he may have some concerns about vandalism.

Tripp Sheehan asked who will pay for it.

Jan will check on the cost that Recreation pays for the units they rent for the summer.

Field User Fees:

Tripp met with Jan yesterday and then with Mike Quinn.

Mike is going to get an estimate for replacement of the turf fields. Once we get that, we will determine, based on what is in the fund and estimated future revenue, if user fees need to be increased.

Ed Lasch (not in attendance) asked Tripp to look into groups that may be using fields and not paying. This might include Kid's Time and PTO groups that use fields for multi-week sports programs.

Patti will do some research, as these groups are, or say they are, affiliated with the schools.

Field Permitting Process:

Ed Lasch (not in attendance) suggested that it may be a good idea for the youth sports groups to get together prior to each season and work out field use.

Jeannette DiBiase explained that there had been a situation last week with soccer using a baseball outfield.

Jeannette and Mike Jennings felt that things get worked out via email.

Mike J. said that he would like to know how much soccer really uses Perrin. No one from soccer was in attendance to answer his question.

PFTF Meeting Schedule:

Tabled to next meeting.

General Field Discussion:

- Patti brought up the potential purchase of the North 40. She felt that with this and other potential purchases (900 Worcester and 494 Washington), she wants to regroup with the High School Stadium Task Force to make sure that the Town understands how important it is to get the stadium done. She said that without Town support, the HS Stadium Task Force simply cannot fundraise and can't go forward as a group. She is considering asking the group to disband. She also asked that PFTF look at all of the fields and make a priority list. Others felt that this was a very good idea.
- Jan Kaseta brought up an issue with lights at Reidy field. Little League has been leaving lights on until 9:45 pm while groups using Hunnewell II and the tennis courts are adhering to the 9:30 curfews. Steve Murphy asked Jeannette to talk to LL coaches about this and to have them follow the same rules as others.
- Jeannette asked if there was a decibel limit for noise at Reidy. She is asking because names of players, etc., are announced at games and now that there is an outlet at Hunnewell II, announcements will happen there, too. She said that there has been a conversation with LL members about the noise level produced by announcements. Tripp will talk to Janet Bowser about it to see if any guidelines were set when Reidy was built.

Next Meeting:

To Be Determined

<u>Motion:</u>	To adjourn, Steve Murphy
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mike Jennings
<u>Vote:</u>	All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am