

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

December 12, 2014

7:45 am at Warren

Attending:

Trip Sheehan, Recreation	Owen Dugan, BPW	Mike Quinn, DPW
Brandon Schmitt, NRC	Bill Darcey, WYH	Mike Jennings, Lacrosse
Ann Williams, WLL	Rick Kinney, WLL	Dave Hickey, DPW
Patti Quigley, School Comm.	John Brown, AD	Jan Kasetta, Recreation

Minutes from: November 14, 2014

Motion: To accept the minutes from November 14, 2014, by Bill Darcey
Seconded: By Mike Jennings
Vote: All in favor

Field Maintenance Update:

Hunnewell Field Hockey/Lacrosse Practice Field:

Due to the Fuller Brook project the skating pond will be dredged. Material will need to stay on the adjacent field to dry. The dredging, by contract, needs to be done by March. The material would de-water through the summer. Dave Hickey explained that there is some concern that the field may not be ready by fall. John Brown, Mike Jennings and Patti Quigley expressed concern that this is the field hockey field and there is no other place for them to go in the fall. John said that girl's lacrosse uses the field every day in the spring. John, Patti, Mike J. and others felt that the groups that use the field should have been informed of this long ago. Mike Jennings suggested that perhaps the material could be trucked to 900 Worcester. Dave Hickey said that it takes a number of tests and permits before material can be trucked. He also stressed that re-permitting any aspect of the project would be a great deal of work and would potentially push the project off further. Mike J. suggested that this may spur the town to address the HS Stadium as this project could be completed in 3 months.

John, Patti and Tripp will put together a statement that outlines the number of teams and number of participants that will be affected in the spring and fall.

Field & Parking Access at Fiske & Schofield:

Summer 2015 & 2016 - there will be renovations going on at both schools. The school buildings and the fields will not be used for two summers.

Hunnewell Multipurpose Field & Tennis Court Lights:

A meeting was held with Mike Berry from Musco to discuss reduction of light spill at these two areas. He spoke about new technology, however, it looks like we still have a lot of life left in our current set up and it isn't feasible, right now, to replace what we have. There will be some work done on the multipurpose lights and when that is done, the angles for the tennis lights will be re-pointed. There was also discussion about putting a power button to turn lights on each night. This will avoid lights being on when it rains and no one is using the facilities.

Hunnewell Field #2:

Home plate has been relocated to conform with softball. Mike Q. asked that Rich Kinney and John Brown take a look before the home plate project is finalized. John was concerned that all of the work could be done before spring (re-aligning the base paths). The discussion on the re-location of the equipment boxes was tabled.

CPC Application for Track Rehabilitation:

Motion: By Patti to approve the application to CPC to request funds for work on the track.

Seconded: By Mike J.

Vote: All in favor

CPC did ask for additional information regarding other towns that have used CPC funds for tracks.

900 Worcester Street:

The group is reviewing the RFI's. During January, there will be public hearings for people to hear about the proposals and to ask questions of the responders.

General Field Discussion:

None

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be January 9, 21015

Motion: To adjourn by Bill Darcey

Seconded: Mike Jennings

Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am