

WELLESLEY RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 21, 2015

5:00 pm at the Warren Building

Attending:

Mr. Burt, Mr. McKay, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Wolfson, Mrs. Kaset, Mr. Fitts & Mr. Chin

Business:

Minutes from July 13, 2015 approved

Motion: By Mr. Wolfson

Seconded: Mr. McKay

Vote: All in favor (Mr. Wrobel abstained, not in attendance at July 13 meeting)

Minutes from August 10, 2015 approved

Motion: By Mr. Wolfson

Seconded: Mr. McKay

Vote: All in favor (Mr. Sheehan abstained, not in attendance at August 10 meeting)

Schofield Tennis Courts:

Tabled

Wellesley Hills Service League Presentation (Brandon Fitts):

Mr. Fitts discussed his presentation to the Wellesley Service League about the importance of scholarships. The Service League provides funds to Friendly Aid which subsequently benefits our day campers.

High School Track & Field Update:

Mr. Sheehan informed the Commission that Gale Associates is conducting test pits. Initial renderings of the track & field will be submitted by September 25. Fundraising has started up again and the goal is for \$900,000 in private donations and another \$900,000 in CPC funds.

Update on After-School Programs (Matthew McKay):

Mr. McKay informed the Commission of his meeting with Sprague Principal Snyder, Mr. Fitts and Mr. Chin reviewing the spring pilot program at Sprague School and future fall programs. Principal Snyder was happy with program and parent/participant feedback. On October 2, Mr. McKay, Mr. Fitts and Mr. Chin will be meeting with Superintendent Lussier regarding the After School program at Sprague and the rest of the school district.

Town Government Study:

Ms. Babson and Ms. Gross asked the Commission for feedback and questions regarding the Town Government Study.

Mr. McKay believes the strategic plan needs to efficiently cross departments so not everyone is doing their own thing and it needs to be a living document; constantly being updated. A true strategic plan needs to account for orphan projects like the High School stadium.

Mr. Wrobel has concerns regarding a philosophical split regarding financial responsibilities between Commissions and a Town Manager. A Town Manager could come in and require Recreation to be self supporting, when the Commission does not philosophically believe the Department should be. Ms. Babson feels that the Government Study Committee has accounted for that, where the Commission could speak to their disagreement at the Town Meeting.

General Discussion Program's & Facilities:

Mr. Wrobel informed the Commission that between Needham Bank and Youth Hockey, he was able to collect \$3,000 towards liners, kickplates and bumpers for the 2016 ice rink season.

Citizen Speak:

None

Next Meeting:

The next Commission meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2015

Motion: To adjourn by Mr. Sheehan
Seconded: Mr. Wolfson
Vote: All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Kasetta