

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

NOTES

September 20, 2013

7:45 am at Warren

The following are notes from September 20, 2013, as there was no Quorum.

Attending:

John Brown, Schools	Steve Murphy, NRC	Tripp Sheehan, Recreation
Tom Harrington, Recreation	Jan Kaseta, Recreation	Mike Pakstis, DPW
Mike Quinn, DPW	Owen Dugan, BPW	Sal Petralia, Schools

Minutes for August 23, 2013:

Tabled to next meeting.

HS Stadium Update:

Tom Harrington reported that the next steps are to go to the Selectmen, NRC and CPC to determine what or what not the group can get from the Town. Steve Murphy said that at the last meeting, the group looked at a simpler model for the stadium in order to reduce costs.

High School Field Surface Renovation Project:

The group changed their name to HSFSRP, because people felt that saying "Stadium" made it sound like too large a project.

There was discussion about the condition of the track which will definitely need to be replaced, no matter what happens with the entire project. Tom suggested that this group make sure that the track will be on the School Committee's radar.

Bathrooms at Fields:

Jan (and others) received an email from a dad in town asking if there could be bathroom access on weekends at all of the town fields. Mike Quinn will make a list of fields and identify where portable toilets could be placed. He will work with Patti Quigley to get approval from Schools and the School principals. Once sites have been established and approved, Recreation will order porta-potties to be paid out of the field account. Steve Murphy said that NRC would wait to see how this plan goes before giving permission to place units at any NRC fields.

Wall Ball for Lacrosse at Sprague:

Mike Jennings was unable to attend. Tom said that LAX wants to use the wall of the shed at Sprague. Mike Quinn said that they would probably have to put something on the wall. This topic will come up at a future meeting.

General Fields Discussion:

Trip Sheehan said that we need to look at how fields are scheduled and how those schedules fit with the Parks Division maintenance schedule.

Tom added that we have to look at taking different fields off line for a season. John said that they did it last year, but it means that they have to play back to back games, which ends up affecting the youth sports schedules. Mike Q. said that Schofield is not being used this season. Mike Q. suggested that the HS Stadium and Sprague 4 not be used next August.

The group also talked about the traffic flow at Sprague. Last month Dave Hickey presented a plan for flow to go behind the shed. John spoke about the need for access for emergency vehicles. John said that the Fire Dept. is working on a plan now and he suggested that DPW contact both Fire and Police to work on a plan. He said that right now, his coaches have been instructed that if they have to call 911, they should instruct the emergency vehicles to come in by Frances Road. He suggested that all youth coaches should do the same.