

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

January 10, 2020

7:45 am at Warren Building

Attending:

Jerry Nigro – Lacrosse, Jim Miller – Lights Sub Comm, Dave Hickey – DPW, Dave Cohen – DPW, Justin Maiona – WYF, Ann Williams – WLL, Linda Chow – School Dept., Laurance Stuntz – Recreation, Matt Chin – Recreation; Katie Griffith – NRC, Ansley Martin, United Soccer; Kelly Uller – Wellesley Scoops, Nancy Braun – NRC, Sharon Gray ; School Comm & SBC; Jeff Wechsler – BPW; Rick Kinney – WLL; Beth Sullivan Woods – BOS; Mary Scanlon - Advisory

Approve Minutes from December 13, 2019:

Motion: To accept the minutes from **December 13, 2019 as amended by** Jerry Nigro “Katie Griffith informed the Commission that the NRC has received the subcommittee report and is looking to move the project forward. “

Seconded: Justin Maiona

Vote: All Task Force members in attendance in favor

1. Executive session:

Moved by Jerry Nigro and seconded by Ansley Martin to enter Executive Session pursuant to: M.G.L. ch.30A, § 21(a)(1) — To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Specifically: Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Jaden Crawford regarding contents of minutes to invite Town Counsel and Recreation Director Matt Chin to attend the executive session and to return to open session for the remaining agenda items at the conclusion of executive session.

Jerry Nigro – Yes, Justin Maiona – Yes, Ann Williams – Yes, Linda Chow – Yes, Laurance Stuntz – Yes, Katie Griffith – Yes, Ansley Martin – Yes, Kelly Uller — Yes, Jeff Wechsler – Yes, Rick Kinney – Yes, Beth Sullivan Woods – Yes. All others leave room.

HHU & SBC Update and Discussion

SBC has a feasibility study underway for both Hardy and Upham school sites. SBC is looking for data on field use to make sure the appropriate considerations are taken into account as the planning moves forward. PFTF & Historical committee has been invited to the SBC February 6, 2020 meeting. SBC is looking for recommended field sizes. Tripp Sheehan commented if the removal of fields during construction would be temporary or permanent, considerations would need to be planned for in either scenario.

Field Applications:

Motion: To approve James Bede Soccer Club field application by Jerry Nigro, provided that field space is available taking into consideration, the current field projects are completed and do not impact field use.

Seconded: Kelly Uller

Vote: All Task Force members in attendance in favor

Motion: To approve Mass elite /Achieve Lacrosse field application by Jerry Nigro provided that field space is available taking into consideration, the current field projects are completed and do not impact field use.

Seconded: Kelly Uller

Vote: All Task Force members in attendance in favor

Motion: To approve Roger Bothe/Wellesley Girls Soccer Booster Club field application by Jerry Nigro provided that field space is available taking into consideration, scheduled Town sports groups & the current field projects are completed and do not impact field

Seconded: Kelly Uller

Vote: All Task Force members in attendance approve
Ansley Martin votes to not approve.

Lights Project Update: Katie Griffith informed the Commission that the NRC will continue to have the lights project on their agenda for upcoming meetings. Athletics will be providing a high school sports schedule showing what the anticipated night use would be for a school year. NRC will be looking to review and possibly update their sound policy. There are concern by Bob Parks (Dark Sky consultant) on the pole height of the current lights. MUSCO and Mr. Parks will discuss. Nancy Braun inquired about benchmarking with other Towns. Currently, new lights could be funded by CPC, looking into whether replacement lights are CPC eligible. Laurance Stuntz wanted to publicly thank NRC for their hard work, accepting the lights report and taking on this project.

Other Project Updates

- a. Hunnewell Field Restrooms – Bid documents being worked on for container restrooms.
- b. Stadium Restrooms and Team Room Project: Using Hunnewell Field restrooms as a pilot and see how it is received.
- c. Practice Wall Project: Location has been selected (near FMD building). ZBA plan will be discussed for February meeting
- d. Softball Project: Weather has not cooperated for field work, but the masons have been working on dugouts
- e. Sprague field update: Dave Hickey informed the PFTF that new replacement turf will be installed this winter hopefully by mid-February with grooming and painting done in March.

General Fields Discussion:

Citizens Speak: None.

Motion: To adjourn by Jerry Nigro

Seconded: Justin Maiona

Vote: All Task Force members in attendance in favor

NEXT MEETING: February 14, 2020 – 7:45 am at the Warren Building.