

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE

MINUTES

April 15, 2022

7:45 am online zoom meeting

Attending:

Voting Members:

Beth Sullivan Woods – Select Board (SB); Linda Chow – School Committee (SC); Bea Bezmalinovic – Natural Resources Commission (NRC); Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Ansley Martin – Soccer (S); Kelly Uller – Field Hockey (FH); Ann Williams - Wellesley Little League (WLL); Amy Munchak – Girls Lacrosse (GL); Jay Russell– Adult Softball (AS); Tripp Sheehan – Citizen At Large

Board/Commission staff and other guests:

Matt Chin – RC; John Brown– SC; Kyle Williams – SC; Dave Cohen – BPW; Paul DePhillips – BPW; Tim Bania – BPW; Chris Howard – S; Wendy Paul – Advisory; Brandon Schmitt– Natural Resources Commission (NRC)

1. Call to order by Laurance Stuntz at 7:45
2. Citizen Speak: none
3. Minutes: Tabled
4. Field Applications

The group discussed the applications from all the youth sports and adult softball groups and validated that the schedules are not in conflict and that permits could be issued.

Motion: To accept all Town user groups’ spring and summer field applications as presented by Jerry Nigro

Seconded: Ansley Martin

Vote: Beth Sullivan Woods – Select Board (SB); Linda Chow – School Committee (SC); Bea Bezmalinovic – Natural Resources Commission (NRC); Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Ansley Martin – Soccer (S); Kelly Uller – Field Hockey (FH); Ann Williams - Wellesley Little League (WLL); Amy Munchak – Girls Lacrosse (GL); Jay Russell– Adult Softball (AS); Tripp Sheehan – Citizen At Large

The group discussed applications from the Baystate Braves (baseball), James Bede Soccer, Million Lacrosse, Propath Soccer, Temple Beth Elohim (softball), Wellesley Field Hockey (youth clinic), and Wellesley Boys Lacrosse (youth clinic) and verified that they met our requirements and did not conflict with other user groups. Applications from 3D New England Lacrosse and Wellesley United Soccer were withdrawn and may be resubmitted at a later time.

Motion: To accept all private user groups spring and summer field applications as presented by Jerry Nigro

Seconded: Amy Munchak

Vote: Beth Sullivan Woods – Select Board (SB); Linda Chow – School Committee (SC); Bea Bezmalinovic – Natural Resources Commission (NRC); Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Ansley Martin – Soccer (S); Kelly Uller – Field Hockey (FH); Ann Williams - Wellesley Little League (WLL); Amy Munchak – Girls Lacrosse (GL); Jay Russell– Adult Softball (AS); Tripp Sheehan – Citizen At Large

5. Field Finances

Laurance Stuntz introduced a draft google document of revenue and expense, showing the breakout of user fees and then expenses provided by Parks. Paul DePhillips informed the PFTF that seed and fertilizer has increased almost double. Discussion ensued about the possible need to raise field fees for users to cover increased maintenance costs and ensure that the fees can cover part of the future turf replacement at Sprague. Amy Munchak asked if other properties have been considered, like the North 40? Brandon Schmitt stated that other properties have been like North 40, new schools.

6. Field Naming

Kelly Uller discussed getting naming consistent at Hunnewell Complex and Sprague fields and distributed a map of the locations. Bea Bezmalinovic asked if there could be actual signage with field names? Lind Chow requested that the High School “stadium” be referred to as the WHS Track & Field. Kelly Uller and Tim Bania will connect on renaming fields.

7. Project updates

- a. WHS Track & Field: Linda Chow informed the PFTF, that the School Committee will bring a revised proposal for discussion at their April 25 meeting.
- b. Lacrosse wall: Dave Hickey stated the wall is on the agenda for the April 21 ZBA meeting. Part of the discussion is to update the existing masterplan to include the wall.
- c. Aqueduct bathrooms: Dave Hickey informed the PFTF that CXT has the building almost out of production and CXT will be doing a site visit. Conduit for utilities has been installed.

8. General Fields discussion

Kelly Uller urged user groups to remind families not to park in the no parking areas around Sprague fields.

9. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn by Kelly Uller

Seconded: Bea Bezmalinovic

Vote:

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NEXT MEETING: TBA