

**PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 9<sup>h</sup>, 2022**  
**7:45 am online zoom meeting**

**Attending:**

Voting Members:

Linda Chow – School Committee (SC); Bea Bezmalinovic – Natural Resources Commission (NRC); Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC) (Chair), Jeff Weschler – Board of Public Works (BPW), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Kelly Uller – Field Hockey (FH); Michael Bessette – Girls Lacrosse (GL); Maura Renzella – Youth Football (F); Ansley Martin – Wellesley United Soccer (S); Tripp Sheehan – Citizen At Large; Beth Sullivan Wood – Selectboard (SEL)

Board/Commission staff and other guests:

;John Brown– SC; Chris McGrath – SC; Dave Cohen – BPW; Tim Bania – BPW; Wendy Paul – Advisory Board; Charlie Baumeister

1. Call to order by Laurance Stuntz at 7:50 am
2. Citizen Speak:
  - a. none
3. Minutes:

**Motion:** By Jerry Nigro: To approve the Minutes from the July 15, 2022 meeting

**Seconded:** Maura Renzella

**All in favor:**

Linda Chow – School Committee (SC); Bea Bezmalinovic – Natural Resources Commission (NRC); Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC) (Chair), Jeff Weschler – Board of Public Works (BPW), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Kelly Uller – Field Hockey (FH); Michael Bessette – Girls Lacrosse (GL); Maura Renzella – Youth Football (F); Ansley Martin – Wellesley United Soccer (S); Tripp Sheehan – Citizen At Large;

Abstains: Beth Sullivan Wood – Selectboard (SEL)

4. Field Applications

The PFTF reviewed and discussed the following applications:  
Boys Lacrosse, Cub Scouts, Beantown Bombers and Gorilla lacrosse

**Motion:** By Kelly Uller: To approve the Boys Lacrosse and Cub Scout applications as presented  
**Seconded:** Jerry Nigro

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Voted Opposed: None

**Motion:** By Kelly Uller: To conditionally approve the Gorilla Lacrosse and Beantown Bombers applications, provided that any schedule conflicts and time issues have been resolved.

**Seconded:** Jerry Nigro

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Voted Opposed: None

Major Event Applications: Continued to be worked on, adding atleast a three month submission requirement.

5. Project updates

- a. Field Utilization & Optimization Study:: Bea Bezmalinovic informed the PFTF that Weston & Sampson are developing a public survey to be distributed in October. Additionally, W & S will be conducting at least one public hearing to gather additional feedback to include in their study.
- b. WHS Track & Field: Linda Chow informed the PFTF that at the next SC meeting next Tuesdays, they will be given an update on the NRC vote and fundraising efforts for the lights.
- c. Lacrosse wall: Linda Chow informed PFTF all approvals have occurred and the project has been filed with the registry. Just in the process of determining project costs.
- d. Aqueduct bathrooms: Dave Cohen informed the PFTF the Aqueduct bathrooms are open and can be used 7 days a week, from 6:30 am – 9:30 pm. Still have punch list items. Dave wanted to make sure that the PFTF takes into account vandalism and daily/weekly upkeep when looking at adding similar facilities. DPW has already had vandalism to the restrooms.

6. General Fields discussion

- John Brown introduced Chris McGrath as the new Assistant Athletic Director, who replace Kyle Williams.
- Dave Cohen informed the PFTF that DPW has stared capital budget planning and the HS turf replacement will be added to the 2026 budget as a place holder.
- Kelly Uller informed the PFTF, Tripp , Laurance and herself are still working on field fees.

7. Adjourn:

**Motion:** To adjourn by Kelly Uller at 9:42 am

**Seconded:** Bea Bezmalinovic

Voted in Favor: Bea Bezmalinovic – Natural Resources Commission (NRC); Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC) (Chair), Jeff Weschler – Board of Public Works (BPW), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Kelly Uller – Field Hockey (FH); Michael Bessette – Girls Lacrosse (GL); Maura Renzella – Youth Football (F); Ansley Martin – Wellesley United Soccer (S); Tripp Sheehan – Citizen At Large; Beth Sullivan Wood – Selectboard (SEL)

Voted Opposed: None

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Hi Matt, I wanted to bring this to TF attention so it can be maintained. (This is at the pitching/hitting net behind baseball and Lee field.) I can speak to it at meeting on 10/13 if necessary.  
Thanks,  
Lara Crawford



Lara Crawford