

Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes September 18th, 2023

Meeting Start: 7:30pm

Attending: Sam Levine, Marisa Steele, Matt Benway, Bob O'Shea, Anne McWaters, Sarah Tate, Suzie Allen, Joan Eliyesil, Stu Sklar

-Reading of preamble by Sam Levine

-Sam Levine mentioned that Sarah will be sworn in tomorrow

-Steele motioned to approve the 9/5/23 minutes, Benway 2nd, Approved 3 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

-No comments

COMMISSION UPDATES

-McWaters reported that Jim Lee brought a request from the Transportation Advisory

Committee looking for Parks and Rec support of a CPC submission for the Nashoba Greenway

-Steele motioned that P&R support the Transportation Advisory Committee's CPC application . Benway seconded. Approved 3-0.

CPC

1. Pickleball Court at COA: Do we want to put a request in this year or wait until we know more about the land? The wetlands study will not be in until Dec. We do not know whether the land will be suitable. Steele suggests we wait a year to figure out how that land can really be used and put off submission for CPC until next year. Levine agreed that we should table the request.
2. Basketball Court: Needs to be resurfaced and new hoops installed. Also in need of new fencing and lighting.
 - There is debate about who owns the basketball and tennis courts. O'Shea says it is school land. McWaters to confirm with school and inquire about CPC submission.
 - McWaters has estimate for resurfacing and new hoops. Need to get estimate for fencing.
 - Steele moved to submit CPC for renovating basketball court at Bromfield to create a regulation size outdoor basketball court with resurfacing, backboards, hoops and fencing. Benway seconded. Approved 3-0 at track: Adjacent to track shack, there is a steep slope going from parking lot to track.
3. Stairs at Track: Estimate from Three Seasons was \$16,750. We will put in extra for a railing.
 - Stairs will not affect drainage and will last forever. Will provide access to track from parking lot at steepest part of hill, where most people walk down on the

grass. Was in the original scope of the Harvard Park project and never got completed.

- Levine motioned to make put steps in for CPC. Benway 2nd. Approved 3-0.
4. ADA Beach Access: O'Shea reported that he made a submission to CPIC and a disability grant for money to make the beach more accessible. This includes new handicap parking spots as well as mats for access to swing set, Mobi chair, and water.
- McWaters to submit the same request to CPC as well.
 - Steele moved to approve CPC submission for appropriate handicap parking at the beach and access to beach as well as accessories like swing and picnic table. Levine seconded. Approved 3-0.
5. Robotic Field Lining: Steele reported that DPW has difficulty getting fields ready despite adequate notification.
- This system is a time saver. Currently takes 2 people 2-3 hours to line a field for the first time each season. This cuts the down to 25 minutes for 1 person
 - Beneficial for school teams, youth leagues and adult teams in town.
 - You can either purchase outright (\$61,00) or lease. Steele suggests purchasing outright. We are going to have one other demo this coming week.
 - Benway motioned to approve submission for outright purchase of robotic lining system. Steele seconded. Approved 3-0.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

-Sarah Tate will take on the role of rep to OSC for Parks and Rec once she is sworn in

BEACH:

-Couple of fishing tournaments coming up

-O'Shea wants to get together with McWaters and Benway to discuss weed control going forward. Proposes using Bach Revolving Fund money for the first year to deal with weeds and decide on a permanent solution going forward.

FIELDS:

-Rain has been really hard on the fields the past couple of weeks

-Harvard Park is draining very well. It had 3 deep tine aerations and this may be the key. Charlie Waite has been cancelled multiple days. Other fields are getting overloaded. We need to look at doing deep tine again to CW

-Depot gets regular core aeration and drains well.

-Harvard Park trail – huge erosion on the Ginny loop. Steele will talk to Pinards about a more permanent solution.

-Park and Rec revolving fund can be used to fix that trail.

TENNIS/SKI/PLAYGROUND

Playground – Levine wants to start by moving the gate/door in the fencing so that it does not open where the bulk of the erosion is. Questioned how to start that purchase process. O'Shea recommended three options:

1. Try to get company to invoice.
2. If they will not invoice, work with Anne/Jared to get a purchase order.
3. Purchase item on personal credit card and submit to get reimbursed by town

-McWaters mentioned that she is doing a PO for the ADA picnic tables and using part of the \$10K CPC money for that. Cost is ~\$4K.

-Levine said he will begin work on other ADA improvements to playground. Rough estimate for poured rubber walkways is \$30K

Ski – McWaters to talk with Maureen Babcock on ski program

MISC:

Tate brought up pickleball tournament from PTO. They will pay for use of the court.

Next Meeting: 10/2. We will discuss/approve budget due 10/6.

Steele moved to adjourn. Benway second. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm