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Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2013

Present: Commissioners- Dick Williamson, Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta

Guests: Carlo Lepordo, Pete Soule – Mens' Softball, Nancy Kimball-Girls' Softball

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved 3-0.

Public Comment –

Nancy informed the Commission that the Sudbury Park and Recreation Department received the CAPRA accreditation. She stated that this award was received after 3 years of hard work by the staff.

Brief discussion on the Conservation/Rec land swap. Nancy and Paul met with Jody Kablack, Bill Place and Maureen Valente. Maureen focused on getting enough and the right mitigation for the land parcels. The Selectmen would need to also be involved in the specifics of any land swap.

Jim questioned the timeline for the wetlands being flagged. Nancy stated that the request must get on the Selectmen's agenda.

Men's Softball – Carlo Lepordo and Pete Soule were invited to speak on behalf of Men's Softball. Paul stated the Park and Recreation Commission was interested in hearing about the men's softball program in regard to residency, number of teams, lighting at the fields, requirements of the program. Carlo responded that there are 17 teams and they play 16 games each. The season starts approximately 4 weeks before Memorial Day and practice for the games start at approximately 6:15pm. The actual games start at 6:45pm and 8:15 or 8:30pm from Monday to Friday. The late game has to end by 11:00pm. They play most of their games at Featherland Field and also play games at Curtis, which is also used for rain make up dates during the season. They have A/B/C divisions based on competitive levels. The teams usually have 11-13 regular members, but probably have around 20-25 total on their roster which include substitutes. The team requirements are that members are full time Sudbury residents, work full time in Sudbury, or a graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury High School. Each team can have 3 exceptions to the rule. They register as a team and not individuals. Carlo stated they are extremely vigilant on Sudbury requirements. They also pay a fee for usage of the lights at Featherland during the season.

They are probably at the maximum for the number of teams and they generally play one game a week.

The major requirements are lights and proper dimensions for men's softball field. Carlo and Pete stated that men's softball has been playing at Featherland since 1969 and they don't mind moving, but do not want to be placed in a new location where they are not welcome.

The Commissioners discussed the TI-Sales field as a possible location, but it would need to be renovated. Paul stated that it was unclear where the money would come from for the renovation of TI-Sales field. Nancy stated the total cost was estimated at approximately \$375,000 without irrigation. The addition of irrigation would take the price over \$400,000.

Carlo and Pete stated that men's softball really has no desire to move, but if they did have to move they would want an equal or better field.

Paul stated that TI-Sales field did look very good as a new location for men's softball, but the cost to renovate it is looking very high. He mentioned the need to possibly have fundraisers to offset some of the costs.

MISC -

Nancy reported that she received a request from Jean Lind for a tennis backboard in town. Nancy said she would look into it and see what was available.

Paul reported that the Cutting Field sign was accepted by the Selectmen and the next step is to get a maintenance fund established. This should not be a substantial amount since Paul stated there should not be much maintenance to the sign.

Nancy reported that the town field signs are currently being repainted.

Paul stated that there was nothing new to report on the memorandum of understanding with Lincoln Sudbury High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2013.