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Town of Sudbury
Park and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2014

Present: Commissioners- Paul Griffin, Jim Marotta, Bobby Beagan, Dick Williamson
Guests: Bruce Schneider, Neil Kaufman, Brian Richman, David Spielman (Radio Flyer Group)

Meeting started at 6:30.

Public Comment – Radio Flyer club attended meeting to express continued concern over the development of Davis Field. Bruce Schneider stated they would just like consideration for the flyers in whatever the final decision is for the field. The attendees also informed the Commissioners that there is a new club at the LSRHS to teach students to fly the radio flyer planes. They also stated that the Adult Education Program has expressed interest in offering a class on teaching how to fly the planes and would like to use Davis Field. The Commissioners stated that their plans will keep the field as a multi-use field and they will keep the Radio Flyer's concerns in mind.

Capital Planning - Jim Marotta stated he would like to get an agreement on What, Where, How, and When from the Park and Recreation Commission on field planning over the next 10 years. He distributed a planning sheet for discussion.

The list in order of development is Davis Field, Ti-Sales Field, LSRHS side by side field lights, LSRHS baseball fields, Feeley Field.

Paul stated he agreed with the order of development and thought parking would be an issue at Davis. Jim felt the Commission really needs to start looking at some of these items and get working on them so they can stay on schedule. It was suggested that Gale should be contacted to see what their thoughts were on parking and the layout of Davis field.

Jim also discussed sources of funding for the projects. Funding sources could include an Override - Capital Exclusion, an Override - debt exclusion, use of the operating budget, CPA monies, User Group

funding, grants, private public partnerships or possibly corporate donations, naming rights, or advertising.

Planning should occur over the summer into the fall with any article to be included in the town warrant ready to go by January 31st.

Dick and Bobby stated they also thought the replacement of the artificial turf at Cutting and the High School should also be on the list.

Bobby asked for a status on Davis field. It was stated that Gale was waiting for the Commission to choose from one of the layouts they designed.

Paul stated he would like to see the field raised to become a useable recreation field so that it is playable with adequate parking developed. This would be his desire for Phase 1.

Jim said he spoke with Nancy McShea about contacting Gale to start working on the plan for Davis.

Dick brought up a concern that Davis might be wet enough not to need irrigation, and Jim thought irrigation might be a tough sell to conservation but the others disagreed.

The Commissioners agreed on moving forward with the list that Jim developed with the additions of Cutting Field and the Community Field turf replacement.

Ti-Sales - Dick informed the Commissioners he met with Bill Place regarding a concern he had about Ti-Sales field from the last meeting. Bill showed him a plan for Ti-sales that he created a year ago. Dick asked Mike Walsh about a layout for little league fields. Dick created a layout for 4 little league fields and showed the Commissioners that 4 little league fields would fit at Ti-Sales. Parking might be an issue if 4 fields were being used at the same time and exiting on to Hudson Road.

Paul stated that there could be 2 fields at Davis and 2 at Ti-Sales.

Misc. - Bobby stated informed that the 2 Pickle ball courts were painted near the Fairbank Community Center basketball courts. Nancy ordered nets, paddles, and balls.

Jim stated he will send an email to Nancy to get Gale going on the Davis field design.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 30th and 6:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

