

Tana Babbitt not in attendance
Cid Cidado in attendance
Kathleen DeGrandis in attendance
Charlie Hammond in attendance
Mike McDonald Chairman in attendance
Elizabeth Nikiciuk in attendance
Robert Benton in attendance

Jennifer Hruniak Director in attendance
Anne Daley Program Director in attendance

Re: Recreation Committee meeting Tuesday March 18, 2008

Meeting commenced 7:00 pm

Review and Vote on February Minutes

Kathie motioned to accept, Bob seconded, all in favor, February minutes accepted.

Old Business

Williams and Washington Street appraisal and feasibility study update.

Jennifer walked the Williams street site with Stephanie Danielson and CDM. There were some findings – standing water, manmade drainage channels and old garage debris including oil. CDM thought it would be far too costly to make improvements and may not be a suitable site. They will continue to look at this site.

Jennifer walked the Washington street site with Ed Lomer and CDM. They felt this site was more promising. One problem is Mr. Lomer would like to take 1 acre and build a house directly in the middle of the land. We will continue to look at this and see if the house could be built in the back of the property. Mike said if you can't get at least 2 fields it would not be worth it unless we are given the land.

New playground opportunity update

Jennifer said we are meeting with Mike Perodi from the Ulti Play Parks & Playgrounds, Inc. and Paul O'Neil from the DPW to discuss the location and the site prep. Bob said we need to make sure we have the access to the field. Jennifer will talk to Mr. Carol and Lee Williams about the right of way. Mike said he has a landscaper in mind that is very dependable that will give us a price. Jen passed out the proposal to the board for review, the commission felt we should move ahead with the project. Jen said the Snelgrove family will fund the project minus a few things listed that we are responsible for. They want this to be a community build project. We need to find volunteers to do the work, donations of equipment, supplies, food, and drinks. After meeting with Mike we will have a better idea of what we need and how many volunteers we need to find. Mike asked Jennifer to contact Mike Perodi will come and discuss the project with the board.

Spring and summer program update

Jennifer said there are 10 people going on the Red Sox trip to Florida. Jennifer will be going on the trip.

The tee ball/pre baseball fee will be raised from 65.00 to 75.00. Compared to other leagues we are still low. Elizabeth will help Anne make up the teams.

We will review the Summer Program fees and compare them to other programs around. With prices going up on field trips and busses due to gas prices, we will be raising our fees. We would like to have a pre-school summer program, there seems to be need for it in Easton. It would be too late for this year but we will put together something for next year. This would generate more income for the department.

Jen and Anne have discussed some new ideas for the pool which include raising fees, pushing back opening day, cutting down the hours and looking at the number of lifeguards needed. The SERD committee will be meeting Tuesday April 8, 2008 at 7:00 in the Selectmen's Office to discuss the pool and everyone is invited.

New Business

Mike and Jennifer's meeting at the Williams Street site with Doug King's employee.

Mike and Jennifer met with Sam Schofield and walked the field. Sam said Doug worked on the field last year but the field settled over the winter. Elizabeth said last spring Doug sent someone out with a bobcat and when she came back 20 minutes later the bobcat was parked and nothing else was done.

Jennifer said Doug King will let us use a bull dozer if we have someone to operate it. Anne said the DPW is willing to start the field as soon as we give them the go ahead. Mike said we should bring in a landscaper to do the work and run the equipment. Cid said he has a neighbor that may have the equipment we need.

Recreation Summit

Jennifer is working on organizing a follow-up meeting to the Recreation Summit held last July. She met with Athletic Director, Jim Von Euw to discuss field scheduling and was given an overview of field usage at the schools. After doing additional research on field usage in town, she will be working with Mike and Bob to put together an agenda for the follow-up meeting.

Jennifer also attended a Field Forum in Brookline in which area cities and towns discussed their field use policies and fees. This information will be a useful reference for our department.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

Approval of Minutes

Mike McDonald, Chairman

Anne Daley, Program Director