



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes January 28, 2019

Present: Doug Carson, Sarah Chester, Chris Fasciano, Margit Griffith, John Maclachlan (minutes), Dan Pereira and David Sequeira

Absent: Patty Donahue

Next Meeting: February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm - Parks and Recreation Office

Decisions:

Winter Carnival Assignments - Doug and John to examine ice. Performer line-up set. 12 tables sold to date. Waitlist for 5 more tables which will be accepted.

Open Committee Seats - John MacLachlan will be re-appointed to his seat. No one has pulled papers to date for the open seat.

Facilities:

Hartwell A Pod - nothing to report

Sport Court - nothing to report

Athletic Fields and Parks - CPAC approved request for up to \$400k to irrigate Codman field. Discussions with Conservation Committee will take place prior to town meeting regarding permitting. School Committee will also approve the project.

Contract has been signed for fracture trace analysis.

Field Maintenance Contract- Contract for maintenance still in the works. Dan not sure if it's worth doing anything to Brooks at this time. The Wang field will be added to the contract.

LYS Master Field Arrangement- 2019 has been sent and 2018 is past due.

Mowing Contract-nothing to report

Wang Property- Contract closed with Quirk Construction. Discussions on ribbon cutting. Parks and Rec will co-sponsor a book signing/lecture with RLF on March 19.

Tennis courts-nothing to report

Playgrounds- nothing to report

Codman Pool-Community Preservation Committee approved \$42k request to replace pool chemical feed system. Board of Health is comfortable with tying backwash tanks to the abandoned tank.

Programming:

Youth basketball- nothing to report

Codman Pool- Searching for a swim coach. David Sequeira has reached out to returning staff to fill summer positions.

Summer Camp - Letters have gone out for returning staff. Meetings have been held with Directors. Brochures for camp will be going out next week. Registration begins February 4th.

Programming- David Sequeira has begun promoting Parks and Rec through social media posting for and is exploring other ways to connect with the community.

Enrollment- numbers are up, specifically basketball private lessons and Nashoba.

Outstanding Balance - increase by approximately \$5,000 due to winter registration.

Finances

As of 11/30/18, costs to town were \$12,000 less than the previous year.

Committee Appointments:

SBC- Chris Fasciano updated the committee. Steady progress on pre-construction phase. Dan Pereira will be sitting on a School Site Oversight Committee.

Community Preservation Committee- John updated the committee on recommendation for Town Meeting 2019.

Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) - Doug Carson volunteered to set on the committee.

Open Comments:

Margit Griffith brought up comments from former town members who have not felt welcomed from various segments of the community. Discussion was had regarding ways to help new families feel welcomed going forward. Possibly create a "welcome to town" brochure to help orient new residents to all services.

Sarah Chester suggested a "Parks and Rec Library of things" or "ski and skate swap". Committee to discuss at February meeting.

Policies and procedures:

Camp registration policy discussed - department head and committee chair are authorized to review any late requests that come in after June meeting and can demonstrate extenuating circumstances.

Minutes of December 17, 2018 meeting moved by Chris, second by Margit and approved

Meeting adjourned 9:25PM