



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes April 8th, 2019

Present: Doug Carson, Chris Fasciano (minutes), Margit Griffith, John MacLachlan, Dan Pereira and David Sequeira.

Absent: Sarah Chester and Anita Spieth

Decisions:

Financial Aid: After much discussion about the underlying financial aid policy and the uptick in the dollar amount requested, the committee chose to implement the existing policy as is.

Facilities: The director's report was used as the basis for the facilities discussion.

Wang Field: Work will be done throughout the season. It makes sense to live with the field for a year and see what issues arise and what needs to be addressed. There will be a dedication open house on April 24th from 6-8 PM.

Playgrounds: Dan has been involved in discussions about a playground in the business district. It has now involved into a discussion about a pedestrian system that connects Lincoln Woods to the mall and business district. The discussions are being led by Lincoln Woods, the RLF, and the SLIPC Committee. Dan is serving in an advisory role.

Codman Pool: Maintenance projects are underway to prepare for the pool opening. Power washing the facility and touch up black paint on the fence will be included.

Regan Septic will be connecting the 1st tank to the 2nd tank to help mitigate backwash overflow that has been occurring. How much of an improvement remains to be seen.

Programming: Spring/Summer programming, membership and camp is starting to come in. The first few days were strong in general. Pool membership is down so far in large part due to non-resident memberships which are not even half of what they were a year ago.

Summer staffing is coming together. There will be some joint orientation to familiarize the pool & camp staff with each program and then there will be separate training as well.

There will be a head gate staff position this year filled by a 20-year-old employee.

A potential swim coach will be in Lincoln on April 19th.

Outstanding balances have jumped due to summer camp. Deposits are paid but not payments in full.

FY18 Finances: Through February, department finances showed a \$4,000 larger cost versus last year.

Committee Updates:

CPC: John reported on Town Meeting. Both Parks & Rec projects – pool water chemistry system and field irrigation system- were approved.

SBC: Chris updated the committee. The SBC is currently waiting for the next round of cost estimates which will be presented at the next meeting on April 10th.

BPAC: Doug reported on what the committees work to date has been. They are working on a vision plan as well as what the goals are for the coming year.

Other Topics: There was discussion about a potential deal involving the Minuteman High School and to town of Lexington to jointly develop fields on the high school campus. The committee decided that there really was no role for Lincoln at this point but if the Selectmen wanted to take the lead Parks & Rec would be happy to explore potential opportunities.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 11th meeting were approved as amended. Margit moved and John seconded.

Next Meetings: May 13th and June 17th.