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Recreation Commission

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Member-John Shea, Joe Floeck, Jessica Packer

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Peter Spagone, Jr.

Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021

All members in attendance for this meeting Additional attendees: Selectman Peter Spagone, Jr, DPW Director, John Haines

Meeting opened at 7:02pm by chair

Review of meeting minutes of November 2020 and January 2021 Motion to accept made by John S, 2nd by Joe, unanimous vote in favor.

Review and discussion of applications for temporary position submitted by Jen Pohl and John Mesheau. We will repost one more time and leave up through the 18th, to see if there is any further interest. On the 25th, we will meet to review and set up time for interviews.

Treasurers report-utility bills have been paid. Deposit was made EBYSA submitted a check for 107.00 and East Coast Eagles for 4,600.00 for field use. Current balance 33,314.00

Discussion regarding revenue generating use of fields vs town use. Town teams get priority, as always. There is some issue with unauthorized use of fields, but how best to address this is the main problem.

John Shea submitted proposed spending for Strong's Field this season, and a list of expenses projected totaling 9698.00 Motion made by Tom to accept this proposal and allow spending for this amount, 2nd by Joe, all in favor, unanimous vote.

John Haines mentioned that the irrigation system at Strong's will need to be replaced eventually by a capital project. The system is 40 years old and needs work.

Bob mentioned that as we move forward with future plans we need to be sure we are getting info for Church St, Belmont St, and all local fields as to what is needed for projects, repairs and maintenance.

Scoreboards 1 and 2 need to be replaced. Josh S will be looking for some sponsors to help defray costs.

John Haines stated that all the town groups have done great jobs at fundraising, investing in fields and utilizing volunteers, but it will be helpful for them once we have a capital plan in place to help them all.

Once we get all the data from all groups from our temporary position, we will be able to work on a capital projects plan and a 3-5 year overall plan for the Rec and all of the fields.

The Church/Hobart St basketball courts are in terrible disrepair. What would it cost to replace? To tear down? What would we do with the space if we took out the courts? Batting cages? John Haines will look into prices.

Skating rink electric is turned off for safety. It is in disrepair. The sides should be taken down. What will we do with this space? What is the most productive use of this area?

Tennis courts at middle school could potentially be repurposed to basketball courts for roughly 10k estimated costs. John H will get estimates. We will need to discuss this potential option with the middle school due to use of the surrounding area by the before and after school program. Potential use by lacrosse for practices at middle school field, would have to be discussed with school to see if times would be compatible with their usage. (field is not irrigated)

These ideas can be discussed with capital committee at the March 16th meeting. John S will bring them forward.

We need to keep in mind that at some point Youth football may be needing their own field, depending on what happens at the Commercial Club moving forward.

LaCrosse and soccer have both put in requests to use the fields at Hobart St. Peter F sent emails to both and suggested they collaborate to work out mutually agreeable/compatible scheduling.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 25th, 2021 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:25pm by Tom, second by Joe, unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McNulty
Secretary