

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

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Minutes
September 13, 2016
7:02 p.m.

Attendance:

Robert G. Potter, Director
Joseph Schettino, Chairman (absent)
Harry Swaun, V. Chairman
Michael Sutyla

Robert Karcich (absent)
Robert Neri (absent)
Ronald Stopkoski
Julie Mendez

Guests: Carrie Allen & Debbie Lundgren (BPAC), Peter Neff (DPW), Steve Wexell (CLL)

Mr. Swaun Called the meeting to order.

Carrie Allen and Debbie Lundgren (BPAC):

Came before the Commission to discuss their plans for a Pedestrian Bridge, to connect Cream Pot Road to the Indian River Complex. They shared a map of the area with the Commission showing the area where they would like to place the Bridge. The Bridge doesn't have to span a flood plain, they can do it similar to Chatfield Hollow. Mr. Neff stated that there is another site located 100 feet further north of the original proposed footbridge which is only 18 ft across. There is a huge boulder on one side. Eric Knapp told the committee that the total bridge span would be about 25 ft. Art Barden drew up the Site Plan, which was being shared with the Commission. The Pedestrian Bridge is 4ft wide and would come out between IRRC # 3 and the Baseball Field. Mr. Sutyla: Should we be concerned about the wetlands? Mr. Neff said that they can not disturb any of the surrounding land in the area. DPW will only be allowed to mow the area. The Committee will have to see Inland/Wetlands and other Agencies for permitting. The Bridge will connect Buell and Indian River. The area is flat land. Mr. Neff: this is far more doable than the previous proposal. Their next step would be to go to the Board of Selectmen for approval. They have to come up with their own financing. Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve the plan so they can move forward. Mr. Stopkoski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Allen and Ms. Lundgren left at 7:20 p.m.

P & R Director: Brian Manware (CFD), planned to be here tonight but had to work. He wanted to talk to the Commission about taking water from the Indian River Pond. He will come to the November meeting.

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Mr. Stopkoski motioned to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 P & R Commission Meeting as submitted. Mr. Sutyla seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

None

Sub-Committee:

None

Old Business:

Action Items:

STEAP Grant: No Discussion.

CEC:

General Discussion: Mr. Sutyla pointed out that, if the Pedestrian Bridge was approved we would be able to reduce the \$100,000 amount in year 2019-20. CEC told us that they don't want a sinking fund for the Track anymore, they would like us to budget for it over a two year period when it is do for re-sealing and stripes (we should get a clarification). P & R Software: we will eventually be ready for more applications and should budget for this. The Splash Pad is for another Facility, not the Town Beach. Tennis Lights: the P & R Director is recommending that we no longer need Tennis Courts due to the New Courts at Morgan. This area can be used for an additional practice field. DPW could help with the demo of the current tennis courts, maybe this line item should be removed. Hesters Pond: we need a plan. Either we take care of it or turn it over to someone. We have studies of this area. Possible another study should be done. It is a current passive recreational area. The Commission was asked to email their suggestions to the P & R Office. Our presentation to CEC is on Oct. 6th.

New Business:

Next P & R Commission Meeting: October 4, 2016, 7 p.m.

Request from Little League (Steve Wexell): Requesting the use of the IRRC Baseball Field on Wednesdays, from 9/14 - 10/31, Time: 5 - 9:30 p.m., with lights. Also the use of the Eliot L.L. Field, from 9/17 - 10/31 - Saturday for games and practices during the week.

Mr. Sutyla motioned to approve the request. Mr. Stopkoski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Morgan School Fence: The Owner requested that the fence remains.

Out Crop Saplings: these are growing in the cracks of the ledge adjacent to where we park. Please call the Tree Warden, these should be removed.

Director's Report:

Beach: Officially closed on Sept. 5th. We should have a Beach Tally by our next meeting.

Sailing Club: Will be having an end of the season picnic at the Beach on Oct. 3rd.

Lupone Field: Field Restoration - sodding (burm area) and the warning track was taken care of. Work was completed by Sherwood Contractors. DiBona Field will be the next field schedule for work.

Turf Field: Clarification, this field was installed to be played on during inclement weather and to take games and the wear and tear off grass fields when possible.

Mr. Stopkoski motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Mendez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois A. Ruggiero,
Assistant to P & R Director