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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2016

PRESENT:

Len Dolan
John Cusolito
Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
Brad Tilley
Dennis Curran
Phil Tocci
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director
Marette Boyle, Recreation Assistant

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Turf Field Update

Both CPC's have recommended the turf field application to the Upcoming Town Meeting. The Committee discussed preparing an information session for residents to attend before Town Meeting. The working group also needs to meet to discuss their next steps. Sean is meeting with School and Town officials to discuss the process of how the funds will be spent if approved at town meeting. Since there is no building it was discussed that there would be no need to issue a RFP and we could contract with a consultation company of our choice if the funding is approved.

2. Veterans Memorial Pool Update

Footings just got started once that is complete they will get the buildings up immediately following. The hope is to have the pool builders on site at the next site meeting in order to get them start on the project. One issue that has been encountered is whether or not we will be able to re-do the Septic System as the backwash tanks. The system will be evaluated next week.

3. LL Dugouts

John Cusolito provided an overview of the proposed dugouts at Pingree Park. The location of Black was brought up as possible issue due to the proximity to the street. The Committee wondered if the project would have to undergo site plan review, Sean mentioned he did not believe so but would follow up. Denis made a **Motion** to support the new dugouts pending Wenham BoS approval. Phil 2nd, all in favor 6-0

4. Concerts in Patton Park

There had been some discussion about the Rec Department becoming more involved with the Concerts in Patton Park. Sean said he would follow up.

5. Pingree Park Playground

Inspection was done at the playground, and the results were very unfavorable. The report has been given to the Wenham BoS and it will be an agenda item at an upcoming meeting. The recommendation of the report is to take down and replace equipment. They were discussion on possible funding sources (fundraising, CPC, etc...) Phil mentioned that the Master plan needs to be taken into - which shows the reconfiguring of the Playground area.

6. Spring Permits

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Schedules will be set soon and weather has been favorable. There was discussion on the safety and viability of the Donovan baseball field, and it was suggested that work needed to be done there. There's the potential for some timing issues at Cutler due to the resurgence of youth softball the infield was skinned. Also there is expressed concern about the financial upkeep of the fields, and the school's lack of participation in addressing costs of maintenance coming from the HW Rec Revolving Fund. Main concern is once the seasons actually start – they need to be maintained to a certain standard so games aren't cancelled due to lack of playability of the fields.

7. New Business

We need to address Dogs at Patton Park – new signs need to be put up.

7a Tennis Courts at Pingree Park – It was suggested that the tennis courts become part of the overall plan for the new playground at Pingree.

Adjournment – Steve Motion, Brad 2nd All in favor 6-0