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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2015

PRESENT:

Mary Buntin, Denis Curran, John Cusolito, Steve Ozahowski-Chairperson, Phil Tocci, Sean Timmons-Recreation Director, Jennifer Carney-Administrative Assistant

Guests: Shawn Farrell- Hamilton BOS

Not Present: Brad Tilley

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. ***Veteran's Memorial Pool Update:*** Currently the project is on track. Latest change made to the design included shrinking the concrete deck space to include more grass area. This cut some costs and provided more desirable seating area for families. Tuesday, September 1st the Planning Board will be presented with the existing plan to see if they have any recommendations. ZBA will then go over the site plan review and the Board of Health will also need to review the project to receive final approval. The RFP will be sent out around mid-September (pending Board approvals) and that typically is a minimum three week process. Once the qualified bidder is awarded and vetted construction could start (weather dependant) late fall. The timeline of the demo and construction will be determined once a qualified bidder is awarded the project. Sean will work on creating a timeline of the upcoming meetings to post on www.hwrecreation.com and the facebook page to keep the community informed on the process.
2. ***Turf Field Working Group Update:*** Meeting scheduled at Buker School on Wednesday, September 24th at 7pm. This will be a joint School Committee and BOS meeting to go over any questions, fundraising efforts and a basic understanding where they will be financially heading for the proposed project. Meeting was held with Gale Associates, Bill Redford, Michael Lombardo, Steve Harvey, Jason Waldron and Craig Genualdo to discuss options/design. Public presentation will be held in September to inform community on progress of the proposed project. Another Turf Field Working Group meeting will be scheduled in the next couple weeks. A list will be presented of current number of users vs. actual projected usage increase with a proposed new turf field to clearly display change in number of uses. The other added benefit to a turf field is extended seasons/usage and moving youth teams off of rented, private fields due to shortage of space in town.
3. ***Baseball Dugouts:*** Linda Duryea initially approached the group with the proposed dugout project at Patton Park. Based on all the current approvals the construction is set to begin later this month. Some project improvements include a slanted roof with crushed stone underneath to allow for better drainage, extended fencing down the foul line and a possible logo on the side of dugouts to include HW, General or the Town logo.
4. ***Baseball/Softball Fields Update:*** The softball program has grown over the last few years and discussion ensued over which field to skin and create a softball field. Cutler School playing field was once skinned and used as a softball field. This option will be discussed with the Little League and Softball League to determine if they would approve this location again for a skinned field. One concern brought up with this newly skinned field would be if a softball game ran late and conflicted with a scheduled practice.
5. ***Bench at Patton Park:*** A granite bench was donated in memory of Paul Regal. The location of this bench is yet to be determined at Patton Park. The group suggested a great location to be considered would be at the entrance to the pool.
6. ***FY15 Recap:*** Expenses from two days of the Summer Park Program were not included in handout but will be added on the next recap. Since the Summer Park Program ends during the following fiscal year the revenue/expenses do not reflect the true summer figures. Sean will piece together the revenue/expenses from FY15 and FY16 to determine the actual summer turnover. Discussion ensued over the special events funding which goes towards the PumpkinFest and Two Town Fourth Celebration. An idea was proposed to look into other sponsorship opportunities to boost the program opportunities and community involvement.



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7. **Summer Program Recap/Update-** Even with one less week in the program this season the number of attendees was up from last year. This summer the program had great counselors/CITs, Park Director- Kayla Shaktman did a fabulous job and the added field trips for 9-10 year olds was a big hit. 90% of the expenses listed on the handout were from last summer and on the FY recap it will show how it'll always play catch-up. Sean will work on creating actual numbers by combining FY 15-16 amounts.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Flag football is going to use the field at Winthrop School in conjunction with Patton Park instead of capping registration numbers as they first planned.
 - b. Due to recent vandalism at the Rec Center over the summer it was proposed whether or not we could install a camera in the hallway to monitor access. Police do take notice and check on the facility but it appears these groups/individuals come by the facility just as another group is finishing up their reserved time.
 - c. Chebacco Beach- Discussion ensued over projected proposal to bring back the Chebacco Beach area. The beach area itself would currently hold an estimated maximum of 13 people if everyone is given an approximate 9x9 area. An evaluation is currently being done to determine the costs associated with opening up the beach.
9. **Adjournment: Steve MOTION** to adjourn, Phil 2nd- Approved 5-0

NEXT MEETING: TBD