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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 9, 2015

PRESENT:

Mary Buntin
John Cusolito
Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
Brad Tilley
Dennis Curran
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director
Marette Boyle, Recreation Assistant
(Guest) Nick Tensen – Financial Liaison for Hamilton
(Guest) Nancy Waddell – Turf Field Working Group
(Guest) Jeff Hubbard

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. **Approve Minutes:** Steve made a **MOTION** to approve the previous meeting notes and John 2nd, Approved 5 -0.
2. **Pool Update.** As of 11/5/2015; Bids have come in for Roofing, Plumbing and Painting. The preliminary electrical bid came in high, and is going to be re-bid, and due by Thursday 2pm, 11/19/2015. General contractor bids are bid on Thursday 11/12. Weather permitting, ground breaking and demo will begin as soon as possible. DPW has also been working on grading of the lot, as well as striping temporary lines. It was also noted that the pool revolving article was passed at TM in Hamilton, which will allow the collection of fees from users. Dennis made mention of some confusion regarding the revolving fund the community, Sean explained the only revenue used for this fund will be user fees, not tax dollars.
3. **Turf Field Working Group Update-** John informed the group of what took place at the last working group meeting, with a main emphasis in creating various branches amount the group (fundraising, public outreach, administrative, technical, etc..) .The next stages for the (TFWG), is to get in front of the School Committee at their next meeting (11/19), which they hope to follow up with a appearance at the Wenham BoS meeting. The working group still plans to hold future public meetings to address the project and specifically to address the health concerns of turf. Nancy from the TFWG also reiterated how currently there is a major issue with lack of space for practice. Sharing fields that currently overlap in areas that are worn out has made it difficult, and especially when our teams are already lacking the competitive edge when competing on Turf Fields. It is no longer a luxury, but a standard for surrounding towns. Discussion continued about the various positive aspects of the turf field and also a reiteration that the group needs to look into the health concerns in more detail.
4. **New Business** - Sean discussed the Rec. Departments Winter Brochure Release Date (12/5/2015) and some programs which will start in January. We will also be offering discounted Family Tickets to Disney on Ice, as well as Discounted Ski Tickets on top of our regular programming.

Cutler Field was skinned. It is now available for the High School Junior Varsity Softball as well as Little League Softball

Noted was that some maintenance work has been done at fields Black, Cheeseman, and Patton Park.

5. John made a **MOTION** to adjourn, Mary 2nd, approved 5-0