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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2018

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
John Cusolito  
Brad Tilley  
Len Dolan  
Denis Curran  
Reggie Maidment  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

Guests – BJ Brown, Martha Farrell

Accept Minutes

**Denis makes a motion to accept the minutes from 9.17.18 & 10.22.18 Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>- All in Favor 6-0**

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Skate Park Proposal

BJ Brown and Martha Farrell attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of a skate park being added as a recreational area geared toward pre-teens and teens in our communities.. BJ explained that the town used to have a skate park located behind the old pool in Patton Park. He expressed that he would like to build this park in honor of a friend of his who passed away, Pat Boyd. BJ has spoken to a gentleman who lives in town who runs a construction company that has done many similar projects to this one in the past to get an idea of potential size in a community our size. His understanding is that it would be somewhere in the same size range as a tennis court. Martha feels like the town needs a place for older child to hangout where they do not necessarily have to be involved in an organized activity. They both feel the project could be done completely through donations. A discussion was had on a possible location for the skate park. It is preferable to the Rec Committee that the Park be located in a highly highly visible area. The committee discussed possible locations for the park and the two areas that stood out were Pingree Park or a portion of the field behind the Recreation Center. The board asked BJ and Martha to find out exactly what size a functional park would need to be in order to work backwards to find a suitable location.

### 2. Temporary Batting Cage at Patton

Phil Tocci and Reggie would like to place a temporary batting cage at Patton Park during the spring HS baseball season. They explained that a batting cage had previously been located at Patton Park with very few problems. They would like to place this temporary batting cage closer to the field in foul ground along the access road which is not currently used for any activities. They explained this would put the cage parallel to the field in an area where the coaches can see all players during a practice. Batting Cages are typically 70 feet in length and would be similar to the one currently at Cheeseman. The cage would be put up at the beginning of the baseball season and taken down at the conclusion of the season. The board has asked Phil to get the details of the dimensions of the cage and how it must be installed and taken down. The Committee would like this information before supporting the proposal.

### 3. Pingree Park Tennis Courts

Sean gave a brief update on the tennis courts at Pingree Park. The high school tennis teams have been given permission to play on the Wenham Tea House courts for this upcoming season though it is unclear if that will be the

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final destination for them. As they have done in the past Patton Park will also be available to them. Sean did mention he appeared before the Wenham CPC during their public hearing to provide them with an update on the court(s) as well.

#### **4. Turf Field**

Phil Tocci who is part of a small group of community members working on the turf field project briefed the board on what the group has been working on over the last couple of months. Phil, Peter Gourdeau, and Len Dolan met with school officials to discuss the project. It appears they are on their way to forming a "building committee" to help with donation and construction decisions. The working group also plans to have a brief presentation in January to interested community members about their progress

#### **5. New Business**

No new Business

Motion to Adjourn

**Denis makes a motion to adjourn All in Favor 5-0 (Steve Ozahowski not present)**