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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 24, 2022

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
John Cusolito
Brad Tilley
Len Dolan
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director
Martha Farrell- Special Guest
Chris Bevilacqua- Special Guest
Tim Fazio- Special Guest
Lou Levesque- Special Guest

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Meeting Minutes

Brad makes a motion to approve minutes from 11/29/21. 2nd- Len All in Favor 4-0

2. Skate Park

Martha Farrell and Chris Bevilacqua presented on behalf of the Patrick Boynton Memorial Skatepark working group. As has been discussed at previous meetings they are looking to build a safe skateboard, bike and scooter recreation space for youth and families. The location of this park is currently being discussed but the working group would ideally like the park to be on two of the currently unusable tennis courts at Pingree Park. West Wenham Park off of Route 97 in Wenham is being explored as a backup option as far as a location. In order for the park to be able to be proposed for Pingree Park the high school athletic complex project would need to be underway which would include building tennis courts at the high school. If the committee chose West Wenham as the location then the turnaround time to get work going for the project could potentially be much quicker. The estimated cost for the project is \$400,000. The committee plans to get these funds through various outlets including both towns CPC funds, as well as private fundraising and potential grants through some of the local banks.

3. HWLL Field Improvement Plans

New HWLL president Tim Fazio and HWLL vice president Lou Levesque presented some plans that HWLL has for some field improvements around town. The first proposed field project is to skin the infield at Black Field in Pingree Park to create a new softball diamond for the growing softball program in town. In addition to changing the field from baseball to softball they would also like to add a scoreboard and fencing to the field to create a feel similar to that of Cheeseman Field. Although changes at Buker School fields would need to be approved through the schools Lou did share that there are also plans to improve Buker 2 field to accommodate Major league games that would be booted off Black if this change were to occur. The second proposal within Pingree Park was for a scoreboard to be put up at the high school/Babe Ruth field. The third and final proposal made by Little League was to proceed with the scoreboard project at Patton Park which had previously been approved by the Rec committee before the pandemic.

After some discussion the committee decided that they would support the proposal to skin the infield at Black to make it a softball diamond but would need further information regarding the fence and scoreboard proposals before they could support these projects.

Brad makes a motion to support the skinning of the infield at Black to make a new softball diamond. 2nd- Len All in Favor 4-0



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4. High School Athletic Complex

Sean gave a brief update on the High School Athletic Complex project. The working group for this project met last Wednesday and are now currently working on an FAQ sheet to help with answering questions as part of the public outreach process. Sean believes that this working group will schedule a public information night hopefully in the near future.

5. New Business

Brad asked about the West Wenham Park. Sean informed everyone that the working group for West Wenham Park did a public presentation in which only one person attended. The takeaway from the presentation is that they are looking for ways to repurpose the park for use by older kids in the 13+ age range.

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Kiely, Administrative Assistant