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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Tuesday February 28, 2023

PRESENT:

Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson
Daniel Curran
John Cusolito
Brad Tilley
Reggie Maidment
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Minutes –Dan makes motion to approve minutes from 1/3. 2nd John- All in Favor 5-0

2. Club Baseball Field Rental

Tom Holland who is a Hamilton-Wenham Little League Board member and coach for the Legends baseball team approached the board with a request to rent field space this spring for the 10U and 12U Legends baseball teams. These two teams are coached by Hamilton-Wenham Little League board members and together are comprised of 11 players from Hamilton-Wenham. In years past these teams have played in Gloucester but last year they had a number of field issues which created problems for their program. The ability to get proper fields can be tough at this age level in club baseball as they have to use softball fields due to the dimensions of their base paths. Tom's request is to use Black field on Sundays for doubleheaders for both the 10U and 12U teams on 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14 & 5/21. It would be four games on 3 of the Sundays and two games on 2 of the Sundays. This proposed schedule does not interfere with the Little League schedules. The biggest hurdle that most board members see are the neighbors of Pingree Park being concerned with the Sunday morning games. Black field is furthest away from the neighbors and therefore it would likely pose the least concern for Sunday morning use. Steve felt that the bigger picture of getting these kids out and playing out weights the concerns regarding the neighbors. Steve recommended an affirmative vote to the board.

Reggie makes motion to approve to allow the use of Black field for Legends Baseball for 1 year with discussions with softball regarding their schedules and with the understanding that Legends will maintain the fields on their scheduled days of play. 2nd John- In Favor 3-0 1 Abstention.

3. Patton Park Master Plan

Sean gave the committee a quick overview of the Patton Park Master Plan. Sean shared the first draft of the design for the Patton Park Master Plan. Most of the items can be done in an a la carte way. One of the major points in the survey was the drainage and site work. The initial part of the plan is to address those issues and create some accessible paths and seating around the pond. Having shade spaces and gathering spaces was also a big take away from the survey. The first draft of the plan has the bathrooms being moved to a more central location. The plan also makes the current gazebo accessible.

4. Update on Pool Improvement

Sean gave the committee a quick update on the pool improvements that we are making. Bids are back for the deck work and we will be moving ahead with that and the deck will now be 95% concrete. We have ordered some new tables and are looking at some larger permanent shade structures. We are adding wifi for the patrons and this will also allow for wireless transactions.

5. Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School Athletic Complex Update

Hamilton CPC approved \$800,00 and Wenham CPC approved \$400,000 with the agreement that their money would go towards the track or tennis courts aspect of the project. Reggie gave a quick update that fundraising is near \$600,000 and that is before the hit up the bigger donors.

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6. Spring/Summer Brochure

Spring/Summer brochure is out on the website with many new events. Registration starts Monday March 6th at 8am.

Next Meeting Tuesday March 28, 2023 6pm

Brad makes Motion to adjourn. 2nd- Dan All in Favor 4-0

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Kiely- Administrative Assistant