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## MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2017

PRESENT:

John Cusolito  
Steve Ozahowski, Chairperson  
Denis Curran  
Len Dolan  
Sean Timmons, Recreation Director

Guest: Bill Shields & Phil Tocci

Accept Minutes

**Motion – Denis made a motion to accept the minutes from the meetings on 1/23/17– All in Favor 3-0**

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

### 1. Citizens Petition/ Longmeadow Way

Bill Shields was our guest for this meeting. He discussed the Longmeadow way property that is for sale. It is 15-20 acres of continuous property adjacent to the high school. He was asking that the Rec board support a study of the land that is for sale as it could be used for more athletic field space for the high school and youth sports programs. He stated that the school committee and selectman from Wenham have already voted to support the study. The biggest concern brought to the table by the rec board is the conflict this could cause with the turf field project that has already been in the works.

**Motion- Denis made a motion to support the study of the Longmeadow Way property. Len 2<sup>nd</sup> - All in Favor 4-0**

### 2. Pingree Park Update

Sean updated the committee on the status of the Pingree Park project. Both towns CPC recommended funding for town meeting. Wenham for \$40,000 and Hamilton for \$25,000.

### 3. LL Bleachers

Sean provided the committee with a proposal from Little League to install bleachers along the third base side of the small diamond at Patton Park. The board brought up some pros to having bleachers at that field and some cons. The biggest advantage Denis could see to having bleachers is that children's grandparents who come to watch games would have a place to comfortably watch from. Len's concern for the placement of the bleachers is that homeruns from the larger diamond could hit people seated on the bleachers as their backs would be to the larger diamond. The board raised the question of whether or not placement of the bleachers in center field between the basketball court and the tennis courts might be a better option. Sean is going to reach out to Phil Monahan to have him attend our next meeting to address this matter further.

### 4. Turf Field Update

Sean updated the committee on the turf field project. He stated that we are waiting for the school committee to have the project on their agenda and that they are hopeful for that to happen at the Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> school committee meeting. The hope is that the school committee will form a sub-committee to assess the project, costs etc.

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**Motion- Len makes a motion to support the school committee forming a working group to assess turf field project as laid out by Gale. Denis 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor 4-0**

#### **5. FY 18 Budget**

Sean shared with the committee the anticipated budget for fiscal year 2018. Sean did advise the committee that the recreation revolving fund is running in the negative due to the summer park program. The majority of the summer park program happens in the next fiscal year but the expenses to operate the camp happen in the current fiscal year. Sean also shared with the committee that going forward a member of the board must sign off on any bills paid out of the recreation revolving fund. He asked the board to vote to appoint someone to this duty.

**Motion- Denis makes a motion to support the FY18 budget. Len 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor 4-0**

**Motion- Denis makes a motion to appoint Steve Ozahowski to sign off on all bills paid from the recreation revolving fund. Len 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor 4-0**

**Adjournment – Steve Motion, Denis 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor 4-0**