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MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2017

PRESENT:

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

Guest: Dick Eddy, Russell (Family Promise) & Phil Monahan

Accept Minutes

Motion – Denis made a motion to accept the minutes from the meetings on 2/27/17 2nd by Brad– All in Favor 5-0

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Hamilton-Wenham Little League- Phil Monahan

Phil Monahan, President of Hamilton-Wenham Little League presented a wish list that Little League has to improve their fields in the towns of Hamilton and Wenham. Some of the items on the wish list included: new concession stands at both Patton and Cheeseman, lights at Cheeseman, level the grade of Black field, add a scoreboard at Patton and add bleachers at Patton. The board agreed that the cheapest and most likely item on the list to possibly be completed for this baseball season would be the bleachers at Patton. Phil explained that they would like to place the bleachers behind the fence in order to protect patrons from foul balls. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not the bleachers would require a pad or not. The board advised Phil that bleachers with no pad were more likely to readily pass through the necessary boards versus bleachers with a pad. Phil was also advised to speak with the appropriate individuals at town hall regarding price and feasibility of the project.

2. Pickleball- Dick Eddy

Dick Eddy who organizes and runs our drop in pickleball program came to our meeting to discuss the possibility of adding padding to the sideline walls in the gym. The pickleball courts are 20ft which would require padding of 30ft on the walls. Dick has contacted some companies about padding and the cost is around \$4,000. Denis proposed that we raise the daily drop in fee from \$3 to \$5 per player until pickleball is able to raise \$2,000 and recreation department would fund the other \$2,000 of the project. An agreement was made that installing padding on the sideline walls should happen with a 50/50 split of the cost between the pickleball players and the recreation department. Dick also asked about adding lines for a third pickleball court in the gym. This will need to be looked into further due to safety concerns.

3. Family Promise- Russell

Russell Queen from Family Promise out of Beverly, MA spoke to the board regarding an event that they would like to have at Patton Park. The event called tent/cardboard city would be for children as between the ages of 9 or 10 and 18 or 19 with parents or chaperones on hand. The group would build houses out of cardboard and stay overnight in them. Russell estimates that 100 people would attend the event. They are looking for a Friday evening 4pm to Saturday



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morning 7-8am time frame. The board had a few concerns which included lighting at the park and the pool and train tracks being nearby. A police detail would be necessary to ensure safety against some of the above concerns.

Motion- Brad made a motion to support the event pending necessary approvals. Steve 2nd - All in Favor 5-0

4. Longmeadow

Sean updated the board on the Longmeadow study and asked that the board think about a representative to appoint to the committee being formed by both towns in connection with the study.

5. High School Athletic Complex Turf Field

Sean updated the board on the high school turf field project. The school committee has not yet voted to take ownership of the project however they have discussed the project. May 4th the School Committee will discuss again and form a small committee to lead the project.

6. Veterans Memorial Pool Update

Sean gave a brief update on the Veterans Memorial Pool for the upcoming summer. Hiring of staff for the pool is complete. A discussion ensued about having an advertisement put in the Chronicle or Salem news to get membership sales up. Advertising through the youth sport organizations was also mentioned. Sean is looking into having a banner up in the park for a week or so to promote membership sales.

Adjournment – Steve Motion, John 2nd All in favor 5-0