

## WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

September 12, 2017 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake Gary Flynn, Dave Castagnetti, Jeffrey Legendre, Jim Pedone (chair)

Members Absent: none

Guests: Virginia Aiello, Dennis Aiello

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve August 7, 2017
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

### **Treasure's Report**

	FIELD	RECREATION	PRIDE PARK	FERT/PEST
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 10,118.23	\$ 2,079.09	\$ 2,036.37	\$ 6,298.00
BILLS PAID	0.00	\$ 34.79	0.00	0.00
TO BE PAID	\$ 1,565.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEPOSITS MADE	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----
TO BE DEPOSITED	0.00	0.00	0.00	-----

### **Community Input**

Virginia and Dennis Aiello attended the meeting to discuss the issue of the balls ending up in their yard when the Girls' Softball Field is used for hardball or by men for softball. Virginia stated that it is a liability issue and has requested that netting be put up. Jim stated that the recent situation involved a group that was not an organized league. Jim did not issue them a permit, but did inform them it is a public park. Jim will put the matter on a future agenda to discuss possible resolutions.

### **Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests**

Jim will follow-up on the school's fees for the fall sports.

The West Boylston Student Council has requested use of the AP Field on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> / 5-9:00PM, to hold their powder-puff football game.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve Student Council request as submitted, pending confirmation that there is no conflict with use of the field.
- Motion Seconded: Dave Castagnetti
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

### **Parks and Recreation Programs**

Jim reported that he worked with the Town Administrator and an offer has been submitted to Hollie Lucht for the Recreation Director's position. The potential start date is October 1<sup>st</sup>, pending the required physical.

### **Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items**

Butch was unable to attend the meeting and supplied the following information via email.

- Storage Units – Completed by snowfall.
- Line parking lots by the School and A field. Both completed. We'll also do the lot on the other side of Goodale as soon as we clean up from the well installation.
- Woodland motor vehicle accident replacement check. – I called Muni Tech and they said it's in the insurance company's hands. Muni Tech promised to follow up and get back to me asap.

- Stairs at Woodland Park - Complete
- Goodale St. Well - Complete. Needs cleanup and landscaping.
- Basketball Court Poles need painting – no progress
- Goal Posts - ?
- Park Walk through items:
  - o End post cap on fence B field entrance to football field. Complete
  - o Electrical boxes on Football field - Complete
  - o Handicap signs - Complete

Steve stated that the well project is not complete and none of the things that he had asked to be completed have been done. Dave expressed great concern that none of the matters are being addressed. The board reviewed the list prepared by Steve of items that need to be addressed:

*over-seeding, aeration, fertilizer, well completion, nose at center common and curbing, stairs at football field, center net at Goodale St, backboard Goodale tennis courts location, High School baseball field/soccer/football field/practice field, Woodland – shrubs/trees, softball field - men's games, softball field gate, A&B fields – outfield fence, tennis & basketball courts – recoating, new track, part-timer rate.*

- o Tennis backboard was discussed and has been removed from the list.
- o Practice on outfield of Sr Baseball Field - The high school has a new soccer team that is using the practice field and the football team has been using the outfield of the Sr. baseball field for practice. Steve stated that the Sr. baseball field is getting dug-up. Jim will speak with the Athletic Director regarding the matter.
- o Paint costs - Steve expressed concern that a lot of money is being spent on paint and that fields are being painted for the younger kids, when cones have been used in the past.
- o Shrubs at Woodland –
  - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
  - Motion Description: To remove all of the shrubs along Woodland St (down to Alhambra Rd) and replace them with trees from Mixer.
  - Motion Seconded: Dave Castagnetti
  - Motion Discussion: Dave stated that the oak trees could go as well. Jim pointed out that how many trees needs to be stipulated. Steve suggested spacing the trees every 10 to 20 feet. Steve noted that the grass outside of the fence is not getting mowed.
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- o Gate at softball field – pole is bent and chain needs to be put back up
- o A&B fields / outfield fencing – should be looking at funding. Jim is concerned about backlash of fencing in the fields. Dave raised the question about whether the board wants to be spending money, when phase 1 is going to 2018 Fall Town Meeting.
- o New Track – Steve would like to know how much it would cost to do changes in existing location.
- o Seasonal Part-time – rate of pay needs to be higher and the position does not get advertised early enough for individual to work the entire period (April 1 – Oct 31).
  - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
  - Motion Description: Approach Town Administrator about wage being paid to seasonal employee.
  - Motion Seconded: Dave Castagnetti
  - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**



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- o Meeting attendance – discussed the need for Butch to attend the meetings, or if not available – a substitute is to be sent. Dave again expressed concern of going over the same items and nothing getting done. Jim will put the list in an email and send to both Butch and the Town Administrator.

**New Business**

- Playground grant – Steve had asked Jim to look into. It would require the town to put all kinds of money into a project.

**Old Business**

- Open Space & Recreation Master Plan – meeting scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Project List - \$35,000 funding request article on the fall meeting warrant to resurface the Goodale basketball courts and seal coating.
- Concession stand at AP field – Dave noted that the stairs need to be addressed, there needs to be a gate at the bottom (Jim to put on DPW list). Steve suggested a request for CPA funds in the spring. Steve will work on putting together pricing for the work needed (siding and roofing).

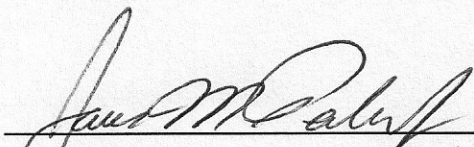
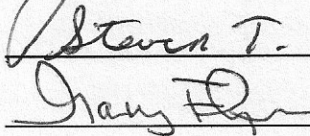
**Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space, Rules & Fees**


- PFC – no updates
- Open Space – no updates

**Members Requests – none**

**Next Meetings:** October 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:59
- Motion Seconded: Dave Castagnetti
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

  
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