

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

March 8, 2022 6:00PM ~ zoom meeting

Members Present: Steve Blake, Gary Flynn, Jim Pedone (chair), Paul Scally

Members Absent: Andrea Allen

Guests: Sharon Emond, Beth Manjarrez, Nicki Turner, Lindsay Melone, Jacqueline Leonardo

Approval of Minutes – none

Treasurer's Report

FIELD revolving	RECREATION revolving	PRIDE PARK revolving	RECREATION appropriation	PRIDE PARK FY2021	DPW/PARKS FY2021	FERTILIZER FY2021
\$17,226.65	\$5,978.34	\$536.37	\$19,915.00	\$330.00	\$2.24	\$1,822.31

Community Input- none

Recreation Director

She reported that she is currently organizing the egg hunt (April 9), a paint night, a CPR class (April 23), and a soccer clinic. She held a beginner sewing class at the library over February vacation.

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

Next Level Church / submitted by Ben Levangie

- Goodale Park / Sat April 16 8:00am to 4:00pm on Sun April 17 for a helicopter egg drop.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve Next Level Church's request as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Social Pickle Ball / submitted by Carol Adams

- Goodale tennis courts / Mon-Fri 9-11:00am
 - Motion Originator: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Description: Approve request for use of the tennis courts as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

WB Youth Soccer / submitted by Paul Scally

- Woodland / Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri - 5-7:30pm and Sat 12-6:00pm, May 28 to June 25
- Practice field / Mon, Wed & Fri - 5-7:30pm and Sat 8-3:00pm, April 25 to June 19
 - Motion Originator: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Description: Approve WB Youth Soccer's request as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Guardians Youth Lacrosse / submitted by Lindsay Melone

- AP field (games & practices / Mon-Thu 5:30-7:30pm & Sun 9-3:00pm, Mar 14 to Jun 30
A majority of their players are from West Boylston and they would like to move the program into town. Discussed the board's policy that practices are not allowed on the AP field (due to over-use) and options for a different location(s).
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve Guardians Youth Lacrosse request with an amendment for practices - Woodland on Tue and the outfield of Sr. baseball field on the other days.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

WB Women's Softball / submitted by Beth Manjarrez

- Softball and "A&B" fields / Wednesdays 6-7:30pm, June, July & August
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve WB Women's Softball's request with fee at 75%.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Major Edwards School / submitted by Leia Roberts

- AP field & track / June 3 for their annual field day event
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve Edwards school's June 3rd request as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Major Edwards School / submitted by Leia Roberts

- AP field & track and playground / June 8th 8-7pm for an arts festival
 - Motion Originator: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Description: Approve Edwards School's June 8th request as submitted
 - Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

WB PTA / submitted by Jacqueline Leonardo

- AP field & track / June 16th 12-8:30pm for their annual "Year End Celebration"
 - Motion Originator: Paul Scally
 - Motion Description: Approve WB PTA's request as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

DPW Director, Kevin Duffy sent an email with *updates*:

- *The blue tractor improvements have been completed.*
- *The leaves at the tennis court have been removed.*
- *The Department is NOT going to be hiring a "seasonal" staff member*
- *Backstop work requested by S. Blake has been completed.*
- *S. Blake and I have resolved his questions for expenses incurred – I am not aware of any issues*
- *Ice Rink Status: Based on the time of year and the anticipated forecast, DPW is not planning to add water to the two ice rinks moving forward, or provide any further maintenance. I discussed this briefly with S. Blake on 3/1/2022. The rinks will be removed when conditions allow if the Commission approves.*
- *Regarding the Football field Lax FUR:*
 - *If approved by the commission, please ask the applicant to specify the dimensions of the field*
 - *Will the applicant be providing the goals/netting?*
 - *What color paint is necessary/requested – this item is especially critical as paint supply chains have been troublesome and we need to move on this ASAP to avoid delays.*
- "B" field – trench behind outfield fence needs to be loomed and seeded – not done.
- Sr. Baseball field irrigation – is pending.
- Fence/netting maintenance–on going.
- Aeration, vibration & seeding (Woodland, AP & practice) – Steve again stressed the importance of getting this done as soon as possible.
- Additional items (new & outstanding)
 - The Light Department has put up the new lights at the track.
 - Mowers – Gary asked about the status of the repairs to the mower and if there is a request for funds to purchase a new mower.

New Business

Port-a-toilets – quotes for 8 units (cost per month) / CPP \$610 / United Rentals \$600 / Harris \$620. Jim has recommended to go with the handicap models for all of the units.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: to have United Rentals provide the port-a-toilets this year.
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Old Business

- PFC Projects/Mixer – have met and are waiting to hear back from the architect regarding possibly changing the orientation of the field.
- Pride Park – waiting to get started on the construction of the phase 1. O'Brien & Sons is working on a quote for phase 2. Kevin Duffy is working on parking plans and other items.
- AP field concession stand – Steve is working on.
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – no updates.
- Sr. Baseball field backstop – ready for Light Department to come in.
- Softball field shed – Jim has suggested that the existing shed remain (eliminating the need to move the irrigation and electric) and a new shed be purchased for storage.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: to request \$10,000 CPA funds for a shed at the softball field.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

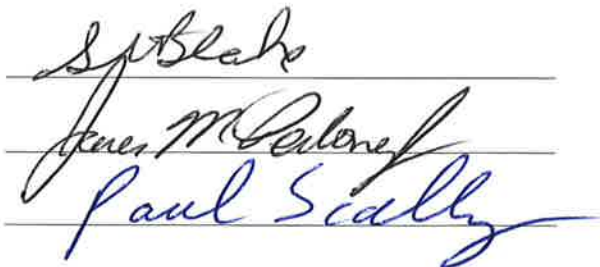
- Parks Facility – discussed under old business.
- Open Space & Community Preservation – no updates

Members Requests

- Steve – clay needs to be purchased for the fields, estimate of 50 tons at \$700.
- Steve – overseeding, again discussed importance that this is completed as soon as possible.
- Steve – field paint, pricing has increased and will be costly.
- Steve – opening of the courts.

Next Meetings: April 5, 2022 at 7:00PM ~ in person

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 7:18
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**



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