

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 2022 7:20 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake, Gary Flynn, Emily Lehman, Jim Pedone (chair), Paul Scally
Members Absent: none

Guests: none

Approval of Minutes - none

Treasurer's Report - none

Community Input - none

Recreation Director

Sharon provided an update via email

- Fall Fest - it is full for Vendors; booked the bands and food trucks; parking is a concern
- Football camp - had to cancel because there was not enough participation
- 5K event - looking at Nov time frame
- Toy drive/Santa event - looking at holding again this year

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Sr. Baseball field irrigation - is pending.
- Fence/netting maintenance-on going.
- Aeration, vibration & seeding (*Woodland*, AP & practice)
- Clean-out drain at courts - minimum order issue.
- Additional items (new & outstanding)
 - Pride Park status - the work is coming along, but progress has been slow (due to site trespassing). Asphalt needs to be put done (end Aug/begin Sept) and then the pour-in-place can be done.
 - Goals at Woodland - there is a piece that needs to be put back on(Steve has) and new nets are needed.
 - Trimming - parks look horrible, there are weeds everywhere.
 - Fertilizer application - scheduled to be done the third week of August. Steve asked about hiring a company to do the application, since the workers are busy with Pride Park. Jim will speak with Kevin Duffy to let him know that the fertilizer needs to be ordered and the application needs to get done.

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

- WB High School has submitted an updated facility request for use of the AP field and practice field by the football teams.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve the high school's request as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

New Business

- Funding for water bills - the irrigation system at Goodale has been put on town water. The cost to water the fields (including Woodland and softball) is going to be around \$20,000. Steve has suggested going to the town for funding to pay for the water bills.
- New irrigation system - Jim suggested looking at a new irrigation system. Per Steve, the system is new and the issue is the controller. Jim to speak with the Town Administrator about finding funds to purchase the controller and pay for the water usage.

- Dimming of court lights – Steve has suggested to drop the amperage for cost savings
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: to reduce the amperage of the court light down to 70%.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Woodland renovation – Steve would like to get moving on renovating Woodland. Jim noted that the PFC is busy with Mixer and questioned whether any funds would be available. PFC is looking at CPA funds for Mixer and funds are needed for the second phase of Pride Park. Jim did suggest the possibility of getting the site prepared now (as a separate job), by leveling and removing unwanted materials.
- AP concession stand – someone has volunteered to do trim work at the concession stand. The cost for materials is estimated at \$3,700. Wait until more information is available regarding funds for the water bills.

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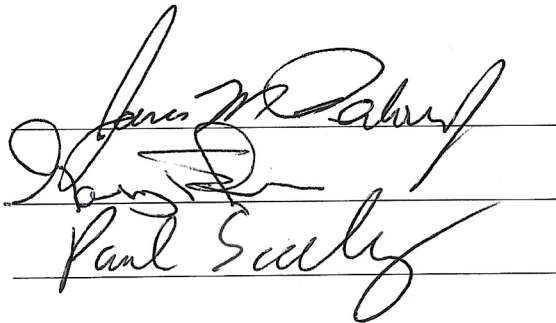
- PFC Projects/Mixer – PFC is working on
- Pride Park – Jim has requested an updated quote from O'Brien and Sons for phase 2.
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – the cost for material has not been determined. Doing the project at this time would depend on the funding for the water bills.
- Softball field shed – CPA funding request was denied.

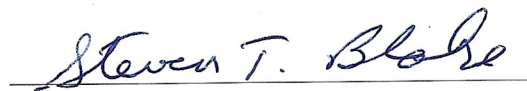
Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space - no updates

Members Requests

Next Meetings: September 20, 2022 7:00PM

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:30
- Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**


Paul Scally


Steven T. Blake

DATE: 11/11/22