

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

June 13, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM

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

Guests: Jennifer Warren-Dymont (Town Administrator), Brian & Wendy Fradsham, Ward Thomas, Marc Trudeau, Janice Karlsson, Marc Frieden, Neil Petersen, Mary Ellen Davis

Approval of Minutes

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve April 4, 2023 minutes.
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **Approved**

Treasurer's Report

FIELD REV	REC REV	PRIDE PARK REV	RECREATION APPR	PRIDE PARK FY23	DPW/PARKS FY23	FERTILIZER FY23
\$15,773.14	\$10,871.54	\$536.37	\$4,915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$872.13

Community Input - none

Recreation Director

Sharon Emond has resigned from the position of Recreation Director. The Town Administrator is looking into working with Boylston's recreation department.

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

Arteca Karate Academy, ared Arteca – 3 requests

- Woodland Park / Sat June 24, 12-4PM / for summer kick-off party
 - Woodland Park / Jul 17-20 and Aug 14-17, 4PM to dusk / for karate classes
 - Woodland Park / Sun Sept 17, 12-4PM / back to school party
- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Approve Arteca's three usage requests for Woodland Field.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

WB Celebration Committee

- Town Common, gazebo / Friday movie nights – approved by Jim between meetings.

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

Kevin Duffy – update via email (June 13)

- Irrigation pump install substantially complete.
- Tree on Common had tree hearing and received no objections for removal.
- Parking sign in pool parking lot reported to WB Schools and has been resolved.
- HS baseball bare spots and practice field bare spots were aerated and overseeded when reported in May.
- Practice field "sprouts" pruned.
- I understand the light is OK – the timer had not gone off when previously reported. Please advise if that is not correct.
- Holes along football field access drive will be resolved once school is over in coming weeks.

I believe Steve Blake will be providing a correspondence from our seed and fertilizer vendor regarding the condition of the fields. The fields are used with growing regularity and without appropriate time to recuperate. Of particular concern is the football field.

- Sr. Baseball field irrigation – pending.
- Fence/netting maintenance – on going.
- Aeration, vibration & seeding/Woodland, AP & practice.
- Irrigation pump testing – damaged line is repaired. Had to purchase new pump & motor.
- Townsend Field
- Tree on common – public hearing held, no objections. How to pay to have removed.
- Material at Sr. BB field (outside of fence line and near shed) – needs to be removed.
- Parking sign at pool lot – has graffiti (*see email info*)
- Sr. BB and practice fields – bare spots (*see email info*)
- Trees around practice field – have sprouts (*see email info*)
- Goodale Park sign – the light is out (*see email info*)
- Access road to AP field – holes need to be filled (*see email info*)
- Additional items (new & outstanding)
 - Harrel's – have inspected the fields and have outlined a program he would like to see used. The cost to outsource the application is \$2,600.
 - AP scoreboard – plug not working.

New Business

- Pine trees (20) along Crescent St. - are dead and are on parks property.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: to have the trees taken down.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: Should look into as why they have died.
 - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: All Approved
- 18 Malden Street – Town Administrator has reached out to the owners, to see if they are interested in selling to the town. The property consisted of three parcels, two have been sold and the remaining one is listed in the open space plan.
 - Motion Originator: Emily Lehman
 - Motion Description: to recommend that the town pursue acquisition of the 18 Malden St property, with a portion of the property to be dedicated to parks.
 - Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Hours of operation - more and better signage is needed. Steve to contact Connor Sign
- Softball scoreboard issues – controller not working properly. Steve will look into.

Old Business

- PFC Projects/Mixer – Removal of the trees has been approved.
- Pride Park – equipment on order, with delivery scheduled for the fall. Concern regarding sand being transferred to the poured-in-place surface, will cause damage. Rep. O'Day has obtained \$150,000 from the state for phase 2.
- Gate at 3rd base dugout Sr. BB – Patriot Fence is working on.
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – fall
- AP concession stand
- Softball Shed – Erin working on
- Recreation – discussed earlier

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

- PFC – working on Mixer. Meeting this week.
- Open Space – plan expires in November.

Members Requests

Next Meetings: July 11, 2023 7:00PM

Adjourn:

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:17
- Motion Seconded: Emily Lehman
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

DATE: approved 04-02-2024