

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

December 9, 2019 7:00PM

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

Members Absent: Andrea Allen, Jeffrey Legendre

Guests: Tammy Hubbard, Rachel Brown, Chris Rucho

Approval of Minutes

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve November 4, 2019 minutes.
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Treasurer's Report

FIELD	RECREATION	PRIDE PARK	DPW/PARKS	FY20 FERTILIZER	05/18 FERT/PEST	10/18 FERT/PEST
\$ 17,759.86	\$ 50.45	\$ 536.37 & \$ 1,091.93/DPW	\$ 14,801.15	\$7,741.25	\$ 1,773.54	\$ 2,000.00

Recent deposit of \$ 2,268.00 is not reflected in the field account balance.

Community Input

Rachel and Tammy attended the meeting to discuss Pride Park. Tammy thanked the Town Administrator, DPW/Parks, and Steve Blake for getting the mulch for Pride Park. They are working on obtaining quotes to make upgrades, making the playground inclusive. Also are working on putting together committees, to organize fund raisers and are working with grant writer to do research. Rachel noted that with the upgrades the mulch would be replaced with a different material and that there needs to be a maintenance plan for the playground.

Parks and Recreation Programs

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Pride Park mulch – 150 yards have been put down. More will be put down when the weather is nicer. Funds from a grant will be used for the purchase costs.
- Irrigation system – winterization is done.
- Backboard at tennis courts – still broken.
- Tennis courts – nets have been taken down.
- Skating rinks – not done and rain is creating an issue.
- Softball field/emergency access sign – no sign or lock yet.
- Sr. Baseball field irrigation – pending
- Fence/netting maintenance/pending – parts have been received.
- Sr. Baseball field backstop – Patriot Fence had not done the work yet.
- Goodale Park sign – has not been cleaned
- Turf maintenance (lime, fertilizing & seeding) – lime has been put down, fertilizing 2/3 done.
- Stump at Woodland – still needs to be removed.
- Mixer infield – nothing has been done.
- Court lights/timer – will be addressed with installation of new lights
- Pitcher's mounds A&B fields – change to same style as softball (in the spring).
- Goodale irrigation system – timer for "A&B" fields does not work properly (still pending).
- Snow not cleared – Steve / the access road to track, the track and paths/roads within Goodale and Pride Park have not been cleared.
- Staffing issues & maintenance schedule – Steve / leave clean-up was not completed and 1/3 of the fields were not fertilized and that a better schedule is needed (so it does not happen again). Items on list are not being addressed and there is a lack of personnel. Jim noted that it is the DPW Director's responsibility to see that the work gets done. Steve stated

that the fields need to be seeded and suggested looking at out sourcing some of the work that is not getting completed. The DPW is down to six people, which includes the part-time/full-timer (has been extended 2 weeks).

- Pride Park - Steve / fence and two rides need to be repaired.
- Port-a-toilets - Steve / will be removed if ground freezes and access roads are cleared.
- Courts - Steve / need to be locked.

New Business

Old Business

- Goodale courts/additional gate (access for MLP truck) - Patriot Fence has begun the work, but the snow has caused the work to be on hold.
- LED lights - The lights have been received and the WBMLD will install as time permits.
- PFC Projects/Mixer & Woodland - PFC have not had a meeting.
- Trees at Pride Park - will have to wait until the spring.
- AP field concession stand - no updates to report.
- Condition of Mixer Field - has been released from the Sr. Center construction project. There were no repairs done to the infield, which is still a mess. Gary stated that it should have been put back to the way it was at the get go and that a sod cutter will be needed to do the repairs.
- Goodale phase 1 - no updates
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts - Steve got some ideas from the Ultiplay brochure and will look into having something similar.


Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

- Parks Facility Committee - have not met.
- Open Space Committee - have not met.

Members Requests

Next Meetings: Tuesday, Jan 14th and Monday, Feb 11th

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- Motion Description: Adjourn / 7:47
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
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DATE: 1/14/2020