

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

September 12, 2016 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake, Bob Dunne, Gary Flynn (7:20), Jim Pedone (chair), John Pitro
Members Absent:

Guests: Jen Breen, Vernon Jackson "Butch" (DPW Director)

Approval of Minutes – none

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Quarterly walk-thru – rescheduled to Sept 29th 8:30 Townsend Field
- Precast stairs – no change, at Town offices with move date to be determined
- Gate at AP field – poles have been removed from entrance at the bottom of the field but gate has not been installed. Work has not begun on the entrance at the top of the field. Steve noted that the gates from the old fencing are still up at the Sr. Baseball field and can be used for the entrances.
- Field maintenance – ongoing, softball field was cleaned up after the last meeting.
- Fencing at Sr. Baseball field – Jim will check with school department regarding the old fencing that needs to be removed (near school and 1st base line).
- Storage units – nothing new
- Pride Park – the needed part was ordered twice, by DPW and Richard Phelps. Jen noted that the section of sand along the fence line is in need of more sand and that it full of weeds.
7:20 – Gary arrived
- Court lights – the center portion have been shut-off, per vote at last meeting.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: Starting Oct 1st, turn the lights off at 8:00 on the weekends and off during the week.
 - Motion Seconded: Bob Dunne
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Pride Park mulch – minimum of 9" depth is needed, per insurance representative.
 - Motion Originator: Bob Dunne
 - Motion Description: Authorize Butch to order playground mulch, to be paid for out of the Pride Park account
 - Motion Seconded: John Pitro
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Soccer goals – the goals were moved onto the "A&B" fields, prior to Women's Softball finishing their season (which they are not happy about). WB Youth Soccer is looking to be reimbursed for the costs to replace sandbags, that were mowed over.
- Electric box at bandstand – box needs to be secured.
- Schedules – Butch stated that he does not have any of the field use schedules (both school and leagues).
Butch was informed that a Tahanto game is being played on the AP field this Wednesday.
- Turf at AP field - burnt in stripes, may have occurred during treatment application done by Tru-Green (but can not prove it). Will be looking into other companies for the turf treatments.
- Field lining – Bob instructed Butch to make sure on Thursday or Friday that the soccer fields are lined.
- Dead tree on common – Steve noted that there is a dead pine tree in the area of the port-a-toilet. Butch stated that he is working on a tree removal contract.

Treasure's Report

	FIELD	RECREATION	PRIDE PARK	Fertilizer Pesticide
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 7,454.66	\$ 3,942.49	\$ 3,583.77	\$ 4,255.00
BILLS PAID	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00
TO BE PAID	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	0.00	\$ 745.00
DEPOSITS MADE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00	-----
TO BE DEPOSITED	\$ 3,460.00	\$ 0.00	0.00	-----

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

- Motion Originator: Bob Dunne
- Motion Description: Approve use of the AP field for the high school's powder-puff event, pending receipt and signing of request form.
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Parks and Recreation Programs

Jen submitted an invoice for \$ 1,480 from the West Boylston Youth Basketball for the services they provided to the summer basketball program.

- Motion Originator: Bob Dunne
- Motion Description: Approve payment of WBYBB invoice
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion:
- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved** (John abstained)

Jen has submitted her resignation. She stated that she thought long and hard, but has dealt with a lot of aggravation and feels unappreciated. She stated that the town needs to provide funding. Jen has not set-up any programs for the fall.

- Motion Originator: Bob Dunne
- Motion Description: With regret, accept Jen's resignation
- Motion Seconded: John Pitro
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

The board members all agreed that Jen did an excellent job. The board will discuss the future of the recreation programs at the next meeting.

New Business

- PFC Master Plan – vote to endorse
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: To endorse the Park's Facilities Committee's master plan
 - Motion Seconded: John Pitro
 - Motion Discussion: Jim explained that the Town Administrator has asked the board to vote on endorsing the design. Bob noted that at the last meeting, he had asked the Town Administrator about endorsing vs. approving or accepting. Bob

asked if all of the board members had read the actual plan (3 of the 5 members had not) and explained that the design to move the football field is very costly and feels that endorsing the design is saying that the board is in agreement with that much money needing to be spent. Steve and Bob disagreed with Jim's statement that it was the only design that meets all of the needs for all of the groups. Steve stated that the Parks Commission was not involved and should have been asked for input. Bob explained that plan# 5 developed out of a request from Chris Rucho to have a plan to keep the AP field where it is and that the PFC did not include this plan in their packet. Jim stated that the dollar figures attached to the plan are not significantly more than the other plans. Bob provided information to illustrate that the 4.6 million dollar additional cost to relocate the All-Purpose Field and track to the pine-grove and stated that the cost needs to be considered when considering endorsement of the plan. The board discussed what the responsibilities of the Parks Commission are, with Bob referencing the state law that governs Parks Commissions. Jim stated that reports were given by the PFC representative at every Parks Commission meeting and that there has not been an issue between the board and the committee. Bob stated that to endorse the plan would also mean endorsement of the process. Bob stated that although a request had been made, the PFC and engineering firm did not attend a Parks Commission meeting.

Gary suggested tabling the vote, to see the outcome of the PFC meeting. Jim stated that the plan is being presented to the School Committee on the 14th. Bob made a motion to accept as a committee and have time to review. The motion was then withdrawn. Steve noted that he would not vote for the plan, based on cost, and not wanting to taint the vote at Town Meeting. Bob also suggested tabling the vote, to get clarification from the Town Administrator as to what endorsing involves.

- **Motion Approvers/Disapprovers:** 3 votes yes, 2 votes no (Bob Dunne & Steve Blake)

- Townsend Field – Donny Marrone has volunteered to work on redoing the infield of Townsend Field. Jim will work with Donny and Butch on getting the work done.
- Pay increases – Recreation Director and clerk. The Town Administrator has informed Jim that there are two approaches for the increases. The first being a cost of living increase and the second would be to go to the Personnel Board for an increase is greater than the cost of living. Jim will look into the matter.
- Dog waste pickup – John would like to see waste-bag dispensers installed. Steve suggesting trying a dispenser at one field. Bob will work on wording to have the fine amount (\$) and by-law information to the parks signs.

Old Business

- Practice field – hydro-seeding has been completed.
- Tennis Courts backboard – has been tabled for now.
- Dugouts Sr. Baseball Field –the new Building Inspector wants an architectural design done for the roof. The roof has been taken off of the plan, for the time being.
- Open Space Master Plan – Bob has continued working on the update. Bob will put together updates for the recreation piece of the document and send to Jim for review.

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake

- Motion Description: Submit the information, with changes as discussed, to the Open Space Committee

- Motion Seconded: John Pitro

- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

- Signs – Bob suggested a base sign, with a “dog” sign under it. He will work on getting quotes for the next meeting.

Project List

Deck Hockey; Batting Cages Little League and H.S. Baseball fields; H.S. Baseball field; Replace Track; Repair Woodland courts; Additional Wells; Tennis Court Backboard; Permanent outfield fence @ Townsend & B Field; Fence around new practice field; Pool; Multipurpose field in the Pine Grove; Mixer Field renovation; Woodland Field Renovation; Turf High School Baseball Field

- Bob noted that the results from the surveys for the Open Space Master Plan were a pool being the most requested and indoor recreation space was second most requested.
- Steve has suggested that the board invite the town’s grant writer to a meeting.
- The CPA funding request for additional fencing at the Sr. Baseball field is being sent to the CPC. If the CPC approves the request, it will be voted on at the Town Meeting in October.

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space, Rules & Fees

- PFC – meeting tomorrow, September 13th
- Open Space – is meeting this Thursday, September 15th

Members Requests

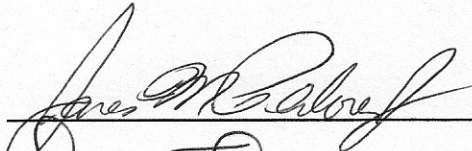
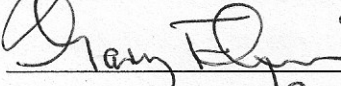
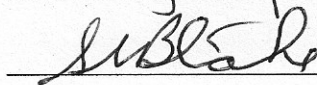
Steve provided information how the cost for the electricity to run the pump for the new well and has figured 3-1/2 years for a payback period on the cost of the well. Gary asked if a second fracking would produce more water. Steve said that he did know if it would or not, but that more wells would be good.

Bob has asked the board to approve to give him permission to do research on pools and gym /recreation centers.

Next Meetings: October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 10:00
- Motion Seconded: Bob Dunne
- Motion Discussion:

- Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

DATE: 11/17/16