

Approved
Windham Recreation Committee
April 19, 2012

Members Present:

Tim Kelleher, Chris O'Neil, Glen Yergeau, Ralph Valentine (arrived at 7:10 pm), Bill Brennan, Bill Fidler (arrived at 7:10 pm), Mike Caruso, Dennis Senibaldi (arrived at 7:10 pm), Lynn Goldman (arrived at 7:15 pm), Barry Goldman (arrived at 7:15 pm.).

Also Present: Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas and Selectman Liaison Kathleen DiFruscia.

Tim Kelleher called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Mr. Kelleher placed Alternate Mike Caruso in for Barry Goldman.

Minutes:

Chris O'Neil made a motion to accept with the minutes as amended (putting the first and last name of members in the text), seconded by Ralph Valentine, and passed unanimously 7-0.

New Business

Field Walks

A few notes were made regarding field walks. A reminder for members to e-mail the Recreation Coordinator with any issues they may find with their field walks.

Men's Summer Basketball League

The Committee was in favor of having the Windham Basketball Club (WBC) take over the men's outdoor summer league. Mr. O'Neil noted that the WBC will try it for this year, and see how it goes. Ralph Valentine made a motion to merge the basketball funds into the recreation revolving funds, seconded by Tim Kelleher, the vote carried 6-1, with Mr. O'Neil opposing.

CIP 2012

Mr. Senibaldi informed the Committee that the CIP process would be starting within a few months. He wanted the Committee to think about only submitting one project for 2012/13 that project being Spruce Pond. Resident Pat Robertson was present and felt that there is a better chance if the Town and School present something together for a turf field. Mr. Valentine felt that it was not a good idea to take things out of the CIP. There was a great deal of discussion regarding this. It was decided to have the Committee think about it and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Senibaldi noted that Cairns gave a donation of loom that was placed at Spruce Pond. It was about 1500 yards.

Other:

Scott Mueller, President of Windham Baseball Softball League (WBSL), was present at the meeting with Bruce Anderson, CFO for WBSL to voice concerns over the Griffin Park parking lot. Mr. Mueller noted that WBSL supports the parking lot but now that there has been activity at the park, there are concerns that have been noticed. There was a great deal of discussion from all at the Committee and the following are points that were of concern:

1. Balls (soccer and t-ball) from the front field ending up in parking lot; can a barrier be put up. (ex: snow fence or barrier)
2. Signage (need larger signs; and back-to-back signs at entrance/exit)
3. Are speed bumps going to be put in
4. Concerned that there is not enough space from the center parking area to back out
5. Is there a walkway or opening in the center parking area
6. Will there be arrows or 'do not enter' painted
7. Will there be an area for compact car parking only
8. Will there be angled parking in the middle.

It was reported by Ms. Haas that signs were ordered and expected to be ready early next week.

Mrs. DiFruscia reported that she has spoken with the Police Chief and the Police Department will be monitoring the park during patrols to assist with the new parking and entrances/exits. Mrs. DiFruscia also noted to the Committee that there is an absolute need for more parking and there were many public hearings on this Board of Selectmen issue/project. She appreciated everyone's input and encouraged anyone to contact her with concerns. Mrs. DiFruscia will be emailing the concerns listed above to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator on Friday, prior to the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on Monday night. She will find out if changes can be made to the striping, plan, etc.

Mr. Mueller also noted that he would like to be on a future agenda regarding some items. It was asked that he contact the Recreation Coordinator with those agenda items.

Chris O'Neil made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm; Tim Kelleher seconded; voted unanimously 7-0.