

Windham Recreation Committee Minutes
July 20, 2006

Members Present: Ralph Valentine, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Dennis Senibaldi, Glen Yergeau arrived at 8 pm. Also present Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas.

Members Excused: Beth Lippold, Brian Carne

Ralph Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

Cheryl Haas introduced Michele Langlois, a Windham resident who is interested in an Alternate position on the Committee. Michele moved to Windham from Massachusetts a year ago with her husband and three children (age 7-4-2). She is looking to become more involved in the community.

Report of Officers

Mr. Valentine, Chairman, reported that he was in contact with LWCF through e-mail and the SCORP report is current, but there are no available funds right now.

Report of Committees

Strategic Plan – Cheryl Haas reported that the Departments heads met today and that the strategic plan is moving forward. The Town is going to present theirs as a whole, and the school is doing the same. She will keep the Committee posted.

Recreation Master Plan – Mrs. Haas reported that we have received a grant, but have not received the ‘official’ letter with the details.

Report of Coordinator

Cheryl Haas informed the Committee that Girl Scout Troop 1007 will be doing a presentation at the August meeting of the Recreation Committee with a proposal on cleaning up Wonderland Playground.

Mr. Senibaldi began discussion on Wonderland Playground. Mrs. Haas is going to get three quotes on power washing the playground as soon as possible, as well as purchasing new swings. Mr. Charlie McMahon is going to get the Committee information on the picnic tables and benches that are at Griffin Park for the Wonderland Playground.

The High School Sports Committee requested a joint meeting with the Recreation Committee, with a tentative date of August 9, 2006.

Old Business

Tokenal Field

There was a great deal of discussion regarding Tokenal Field. Mr. McMahon mentioned that without Tokenal in use, the older girls had to play in Salem this year. Mr. Senibaldi is going to get the specific information that he needs to regarding the bids and ask the Selectmen to reverse their decision to reject all the bids. Mr. Senibaldi will have that

information to the Recreation Committee via email by July 24, 2006, and will be discussed again at the August 9th meeting. Mr. Valentine will be in contact with soccer to see if they are able to donate any monies for the project. Mr. McMahon reminded the Committee that sod farms close soon, so to make sure a target date is set.

New Business

Facility Use Application

Mrs. Haas presented the request by the Windham Soccer Association for the fall use of the fields. Once an application is received, then the Committee said for Mrs. Haas to approve it after her review.

CIP Proposal

The Committee discussed the possibility of putting in a request for a CIP, which is a project costing \$50,000 or greater. It was suggested to put in a summary for Nashua Rd. field (creating a new field and improving parking.) Mrs. Haas will forward the information to Committee member Mr. Carne and see if he can work on this project, with all of his experience.

Other

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to install windscreens at Griffin Park Tennis courts, knowing the aesthetic look of them; funds to be taken out of Tennis revolving fund, and the screens to be taken down in the off season; Glen Yergeau seconded; the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Senibaldi will be asking the Board of Selectmen for approval on this on Monday, July 24, 2006.

Mr. Valentine mentioned that once the vote for the High School occurs, that it would be a good idea to meet with the Conservation Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Cheryl S. Haas
Recreation Coordinator