

Recreation Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 18, 2007

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Meeting called to order at 7:38pm

Members Present: Beth Lippold, Vickie Noel, Michael Hatem, Ralph Valentine
Mags Adamchek, Lynn Goldman, Barry Goldman, Michele Langlois- alt.
Also present: Cheryl Haas – Recreation Coordinator

Members Excused: Glen Yergeau, Brian Carne, Bruce Breton – Selectman Liaison

Michael Hatem will stand in for Brian Carne. Mags Adamchek will stand in for Glen Yergeau. Vicky Noel will stand in for Dennis Senibaldi who will be late.

Minutes:

7:47 Dennis Senibaldi arrives, Vicky is an alternate

Coordinator Report: Tree lighting is Dec 1st, everything is set. 40 doz cookies have been donated through Vicky Noel. Only issue from last year is the hot cocoa line we need to make sure that the line moves faster.

Recreation Master Plan draft was mailed to everyone, any questions or changes should be directed to Cheryl.

8:00 – Guests Al Letizio Jr. and Dr. Frank Bass presented the option of returning 9+ acres behind the middle school that would be a swap for the acreage taken to adjust the lot lines for the high school. They then presented a plan showing the addition of new fields and the placement of new fields that would bring the help the School Athletic Committee’s vision of having the proper amount of fields at the new High School. The reason the presentation was made was to allow the Recreation Committee to give feedback because part of the plan involved using a portion of the Gage Lands. There potentially could be a land swap for other school owned areas that would not be used but by using the Gage lands it would allow fields to be in close proximity to the building and parking. After much discussion, it was requested that a site walk be arranged along with Conservation Committee to view and discuss the areas. Cheryl Haas will work with Con Com and the School Board to set up a site walk.

Charlie McMahon spoke and thought the proposal was a good idea but final costs needed to be found out.

New Business:

The new Community Resource Officer is Jess and she will be working with Cheryl Haas on the April 18, 2008 child safety day.

Bob Bigelow, formally of the Boston Celtics will be doing a presentation “ Let the kids play”. The event would be sponsored by multiple town organizations including PTA, Baseball, Rec. Possible money could come out of the Basketball Revolving fund.

Old Business: Spruce Pond II plan was approved and the only thing given to the Recreation Committee was the land. There were inclusions from the prior discussions or meetings. Dennis Senibaldi spoke and would like to be the point person in trying to work with the contractors/ builders to have them donate more work that would make the land more usable for passive/active rec purposes. After much discussion regarding the scope of Dennis’ role in any negotiations on behalf of the recreation committee, Ralph Valentine made a motion:

The Recreation Committee will allow Dennis Senibaldi to work with Joe Maynard of Benchmark to provide a set of plans for Spruce Pond II land, which will be provided to the Recreation Committee by the January 2008 meeting. Seconded by Beth Lippold.
Vote : yea 4 RV,BL,MA,MHnay 3 DS,LG,BG

After further discussion that Dennis Senibaldi would need a broader scope of authority Barry Goldman made a motion:

The Recreation Committee also authorizes Dennis Senibaldi to work with Cheryl Haas and all ZBA, planning boards regarding Spruce Pond II variance changes from passive to active recreation. Vote:
Yea 6 DS,LG,BG,BL,MH,MA Nay 1 RV

9:07 adjourned. BL LG

Respectfully Submitted:

Beth Lippold