

Windham Recreation Committee
Thursday, April 17, 2009

Call to Order at 7:33 by Chairman Senibaldi.

Present were: Dennis. Senibaldi, Glen Yergeau, Barry Goldman., Ralph Valentine, Lynn Goldman, Bill Brennan, Scott Mueller, Chris O'Neil, Ross McLeod (BoS Liaison), Cheryl Haas Rec Coordinator

Excused: M Adamchuck, B. Carne, L. Goldman Carl DiPaolo

Alternate Bill Brennan sat for Brian Carne

Minutes of Feb.19, 2009 were tabled until the next meeting. The minutes of Nov. 20, 2008 would be reviewed by Ralph for completeness.

Skate Park Update, it will be opening Saturday April 18, Cheryl briefly discussed the new system of resident / non-resident passes. All new signage will be posted by opening day. Repairs were discussed, it was determined that repairs will be made as needed.

Nashua Rd. Swales, Ralph reported discussion with Frank Richardson of DES. Frank had viewed photos of the swale and determined that a wetlands permit is required to clean out the swales. The permit fee alone will cost about \$3,000. Two drainage supplemental drainage systems were discussed, a new product by EJ Prescott and a French drain type system, both proposed to move water off the field in the direction of the swale which parallels Nashua Rd. The Committee felt neither effort would solve the problem. Ralph will meet with Peter Zohdi to review and report back.

Playground Surface There are drainage problems under the surface which over time have created an environment which is decomposing the rubber surface. The base material does not drain very well. Dennis is working with Jen Colvin and others to gather evidence that the installer is responsible for the base materials which were laid beneath the playground surface. A case is being made to hold the installer liable.

Griffin Park Bridge (Central Artery over the swale to the Soccer fields). Once Gove has determined if the Swale qualifies as a wetland, the next steps would be 1) if permit needed, design a solution, obtain permit and fund/install 2) if no permit needed then design and fund/install. Dennis & Gary Garfield are spearheading this project. .

Basketball Revolving Account There is about \$8,628 in the account. Basketball has made a request to use some of the funds for a scorer's table to be used as the new High School and a controller to be used at Golden Brook School. Dave Sullivan believes that the funds can be used as long as the care, custody and control remain with the Town.

Basketball Revolving Account Continued:

As funds are depleted, they are not expected to be replaced. Future needs to keep in mind:

- Maintenance of the Nashua Rd basketball courts, i.e. for overgrowth
- Working capital for the men's basketball league
- Present program Court Jesters
- Scholarship or needs-based program payment assistance

Motion by Ralph seconded by Scott to allow up to \$3,500, plus shipping and handling, to be used from the basketball revolving fund to purchase a free standing scorer's table for use at the High School and to purchase a controller to be used at Golden brook School, each to remain under the care custody and control of the Town. The purchase to follow protocol required for such purchases. Motion passed 7-0.

Field Update Cheryl stated that all fields would be opened by Saturday April 18, 2009.

Mike Hatem proposed a change to the Field and Facility Use Policy, specifically Section VII-B. Mike is proposing that the 24/7 priority usage that WBSL enjoys from opening day to August 30 be changed to Monday through Saturday priority usage, so that other users can better plan. As it stands, until WBSL submits their final schedule to the Recreation, no other users can be scheduled. That submission is usually done by mid to late April. There was great debate about the application process, and how the rules are currently applied within the process.

There was some discussion as to who the non-WBSL users should initially apply to, Recreation or WBSL. Ross McLeod pointed out that it appeared that the current rules provided a very workable and fair procedure for scheduling non WBSL field usage, and that the application should be made to Recreation.

Motion by Glen, seconded by Ralph to not recommend the proposed change. After more discussion, Scott and Bill recused themselves, and the Chairman appointed Chris O'Neil to sit in for Scott. The motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Ralph, seconded by Chris to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen outlining the position of the Rec Committee.

NOTE: The full text of the proposal is attached as an integral part of these minutes.

Review of Committee Rules All member were given copies of the rules for review, to see if any changes may be recommended. Bring changes in writing to the next meeting or send an email to Cheryl.

Trash removal at Griffin Park was discussed. The town maintenance Dept. will be responsible for trash removal. Ross and Ralph mentioned that a policy of carry-in, carryout has been very successful in the White Mountains, where there are no trash receptacles.

Discussion of Wonderland and final sealing. Ralph will contact Simpson Painting.

Motion by Barry seconded by Chris to adjourn, passed 7-0 in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.