

1 Recreation Commission Meeting

2 Wednesday, September 5, 2018- Mayo Event Fields

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3 The regular meeting of the Stowe Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at  
4 Mayo Event Fields starting at 5:00 PM. Present were: Brett Loomis, Lynn Altadonna, Adam Rice and  
5 Mike Loughran. Absent: Ben Novogroski and there are 2 vacancies. Also present: Matt Frazee,  
6 Recreation Director and Bruce Godin, Parks Superintendent.

7 Lynn moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Adam with all in favor.

8 Minutes of August 1, 2018: Mike moved to approve as written, seconded by Adam with all in favor.

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10 **Field Improvements:** Bruce and Matt described current field maintenance practices. Matt explained  
11 that amending the management plan was a no go after talking to Tom Jackman as it would require  
12 amending not just the management plan but also the easement. The group discussed and concluded  
13 that an irrigation system and fertilization program could help fields to sustain and recover faster given  
14 the current use of the fields. Brett provided Bruce with info and pricing on fertilization program and said  
15 he would get info and pricing on an irrigation system for Mayo A, B, and C. Brett asked what the process  
16 for implementing a fertilization program and irrigation system would be. Matt explained that the  
17 fertilization program would be a new budget request while the irrigation system would require a Capitol  
18 Request.

19 Bruce and Matt explained that they met with Kevin Lipple SHS AD about improving communication on  
20 what is approved for school fields during the summer. Bruce needs to be aware of what is there for  
21 mowing schedules and the Rec Dept should be able to provide input on what is approved. Kevin is going  
22 to follow up with Matt on solutions.

23 Brett mentioned frustration that nothing has been able to get done with the fields. Matt said the RC has  
24 done a lot to raise awareness and that unless additional athletic fields are developed, the event fields  
25 will also continue to serve as the athletic fields for Stowe Youth Lacrosse, Coed Softball, and Stowe  
26 Middle School soccer and events need to be managed with that in mind.

27 Adam made a motion to write a letter to Select Board to express that we need to be more selective with  
28 events and what uses are approved. Suggesting the following: 1. Events should primarily take place on  
29 Mayo A while use of B and C should be limited and used only if necessary. 2. Driving on fields should  
30 only be permitted with specific approval. 3. We should require damage deposits. Lynn seconded the  
31 motion, all in favor.

32 **Other business:** Lynn mentioned that he is scheduled to go to Selectboard for approval on the Peace  
33 Park and asked the Recreation Commission for their recommendation to Selectboard in support of  
34 establishing the Peace Park at Thompson park where the plan is to plant 200 tulips in the existing flower  
35 garden prior to Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Mike motioned to approve, Brett seconded and all approved. Brett will draft a  
36 letter of recommendation for the Sept 24 Selectboard meeting.

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38 There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:20

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2 Respectfully submitted,

3 Matt Frazee