

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2023

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2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Monday May 8, 2023 at Gale Recreation Center starting at 5:00 P.M.

3 Members present: Ryan Thibault, Brett Loomis, Jared Anello, Dave Rogers, Matt Frazee. Absent: Lynn Altadonna, Forrest Shinnars Audience: Adam Rothschild, Brian Bigalow, Steve Cunningham, Tiffany Donza, Nick Donza

4 **5:00pm called to order. Agenda Approved**

5 **JA motioned to approve the minutes BL second**

6 **Memorial Park Update**

7 Harry Sheppard provided a verbal update regarding the Memorial Park Study. New wetland delineation shows more wetland in Memorial Park than anticipated including two lower ball fields and base of hill. Permits will be a challenge to be able to raise grades/improve drainage. Any structures on wetlands unlikely possible. Mitigation trade-offs to be required. Harry attended school planning meetings. Major investments/building project improvements sound unlikely at Elem School as larger program anticipated to be at MS/HS. Possible moving grade 5 to MS. Discussion of possible concept of repurpose of gym with new gym. Due to additional wetland conditions, not likely possible to achieve all program goals at Memorial Park unless Parks operation relocated and development can happen there. Access would be a challenge and increased cost. Brett asked if wetlands can be disputed and if beavers created, Harry said they were and they were determined by soil testing not be water level alone. Brett – why not be more aggressive managing beavers? Harry – not on Town property, Town has beaver policy has to follow. Area was likely wetlands before initial development occurred. Brett- Town should consider buying new land because most of the Town owned land nothing can be done on due to easements or wetlands.

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9 **Memorial Park Playground**

10 FPF posts about Town playground not being open during school hours. Matt said has been discussed and intention was for new toddler playground to be included with Memorial Park project but that is looking unlikely unless Parks operation is relocated. If not Memorial Park new playground location needs to be explored and may possibly look into if existing playground should be transferred to school to avoid public access conflicts.

11 **Ice Logos**

12 No final design to date. Matt informed that if something is going to get done for this year, we need it by next week because ice is going back in and not practical to put in once ice is down. Nick/Brett – suggested going with Stowe shield with S – green in center ice. All agreed. Ryan and Matt agreed to do their best to get it setup and ordered this week and confirm with Tony on timing for installation. Matt said he will update status by email.

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15 **Other business**

16 Adam, Brian, and Steve were present to discuss request for food trucks for their Rugby tourn at Polo.

Matt explained the Rec Zone ordinance prohibits Specifically no mechanized equipment and no sale of goods, products or wares of any kind, with exception of pre-packaged or homemade food and beverages. Mayo Events fields not available due to another event. Ryan suggested vendors who provide pre-prepared food. Matt told them they can propose an amendment to the ordinance to Conservation Commission then Selectboard or they can provide food within what is allowed at Polo.

6:16p Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Frazee