



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday January 8th, 2019

Location: Nicholas Ward Meeting Room, 221 Main Street, Boylston MA)

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Members Present: Bonnie Johnson, Kevin Prendergast, Drew LeBlanc, Claudine Underwood - Board members, Rich Lamoury Program Coordinator Guests: Shawn Goulet (Soccer Club) Joel Goulet (Soccer Club), Patrick Inderwish (Football), Christi Stille, Matt Rice (Boylston Youth Baseball/Softball/Football & Cheer), Matt Porcaro (Tahanto Athletics Director), Robert Thibeault (Soccer Club)

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Review and vote to approve minutes from meetings held on 4th & 11th December 2018

A motion was made by Bonnie to approve the minutes accept with revisions, seconded by Claudine, Yes Drew, No Kevin.

Coordinator Report – Updates/Spring Programs

- **Golf Lessons (March)** – We have 4 registered with plenty of time to do so.
- **Joy of Music Classes** – Just waiting to hear back from the Director to re-schedule a meeting – Venue is an issue
- **US Sports Institute about Spring Programs** – Tennis, Volleyball, Multi Sports – More Research Needed
- **Feb/April Breaks** – Pick Up Morning Basketball – More Research Needed
- **Beasties Creative Art Classes** – We have a total of 7/8 registered for the Creative Art Classes run by Ray. Starts Wednesday 9th January.

Hillside Field Usage for Tahanto High School Lacrosse

Matt (Athletics Director) said that they were looking for a place for their 2 JV (Girls & Boys) Lacrosse teams to play this Spring. They had approximately 20 players on each team and would be looking at a 2-hour time slot starting at the beginning of April for approximately 9 weeks (5 Days per week)

They had reached out in Berlin and were told they could potentially assist them with their field but wanted to see if the Hillside Field could accommodate them for several practices/games or both. Matt also suggested if it was a possibility of splitting the time between the Lions Football Field and Hillside to alleviate the chance of field damage.

Bonnie suggested a proposal by the Athletics Director in writing that Rich can email to the board and can be shared with the local sports groups.

Field Use Agreements with the various Sports Groups

Drew suggests that the 2011 & 2016 field use agreements were outdated, and a discussion needed to be made to update them.

Shawn (Youth Soccer) had concerns over the wear and tear of the Hillside Fields as they had invested over \$60,000. Shawn mentions that the Hillside Fields would still be able to accommodate the Youth Lacrosse organization but not the JV Lacrosse teams as this would damage the current state of the fields. Bonnie thinks that the Park and Recreation should partner up with the local organizations and split any revenue brought in from any outside vendors.

Patrick (Football) had similar concerns to Shawn with over using the Lions Football Field. They had invested between \$100,000 and \$150,000 over the years for the up keep and renovations that was agreed with the Town Selectman. Kevin thinks that we should contact the Board of Selectman as they had passed the original agreement. Drew explains to the organizations that there is nothing in the current agreements that allow for buildings on the fields and that we should be meeting each Fall on a yearly basis to see if any changes need to take place.

Claudine thanks the organizations for attending the meeting and that it was out of respect for them to gather information before any final decisions were made on the J.V Lacrosse teams using the Town fields.

Yearly Budget

Drew announced to the board that he is waiting to hear back from the Town Administrator (April) before any further discussion can be made.

Park Project

Drew asks the board about the current state of the Center Parks and what was the next steps in the Center Park Project.

Kevin mentions that there are several things that need to be done, lighting must be followed up on plus there are piles of chips that need to be removed after the trees were taken down. Kevin agreed that he would continue to work on the electrician project

Bonnie said that it was discussed with April (Town Administrator) about any deadline to use the money allocated for the project and that there wasn't one.

Drew suggests we keep Rich posted with any future findings.

Claudine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin. All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 8.30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Lamoury