

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the Regular Meeting: March 14, 2018 7:00 PM @ 31 Arbor Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shay Drake, Sherry Kraus, Cyndi Costanzo, Tom Boscarino, Chris Weitz, Jennifer Mullin

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Tedford, Recreation Director.
William Kozik, Spring-2018 Girl lacrosse coach, Ellington resident.
Paul Murphy, Ellington resident.
Michael Murphy, Ellington resident.
Peg Busse, liaison, Board of Finance.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: T.Boscarino called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
- II. CORRESPONDENCE: None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of January 17, 2018 minutes tabled to April meeting.
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM:

A. Michael Murphy represented Little League (boys) baseball relative to a proposed lighted field at Brookside Park.

Jen Mullin inquired about fundraising/budget, and Mr. Murphy responded that Ellington LL was looking into "Baseball Tomorrow" for additional funding, but overall the LL would not be requesting funding from the Town of Ellington.

T. Boscarino anticipated that the time frame of usage and noise would need further discussion. He also discussed/inquired about the actual amount of time per day, per season, that this lighted field would be utilized.

Other members reviewed/discussed a separate utility meter and extended use of the field.

B. Tedford noted that grant funding was not, at this time, available. The commission's approval of this project, from a review standpoint, would now need to be forwarded to the respective boards/agencies for further review: Planning Department, Board of Selectmen, Inlands Wetlands, etc.

Board members, C. Costanzo, T. Boscarino and C. Weitz, each discussed/reviewed the concept of Title 9 and the possible implications vs. baseball and softball programming.

MOVED (BOSCARINO), SECONDED (COSTANZO) AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO SUPPORT THE GENERAL SCOPE OF THE PROJECT, THAT THE COSTS BE PROVIDED THROUGH PRIVATE FUNDING, AND THAT THERE BE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF TITLE 9 ISSUE.

C. Residents William Kozik and Paul Murphy requested that their respective children (in 6th grade) be considered for placement on the 7-8th grade girls lacrosse team for the spring of 2018.

T. Boscarino inquired if the loss of 2 or more players' occurred would the level of play of the junior (5-6th grade) team be adversely affected. S. Drake responded, that in her opinion, the level of play would not be affected.

Additional discussion ensued relative to allowing up to four players, maximum, to be moved to the senior team for the 2018 spring season only (to equalize roster sizes this season), based on the evaluators' rating.

MOVED (DRAKE), SECONDED (MULLIN) AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ALLOW FOR ANY 6TH GRADE GIRLS TO ATTEND 1 OR MORE EVALUATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT AT THE 7-8TH GRADE LEVEL FOR THE 2018 SPRING SEASON ONLY, HOWEVER, ONLY 4 PLAYERS (MAXIMUM) MAY BE CHOSEN.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

VI. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Winter program update.

B. Spring/summer program/brochure status update.

C. FOI: correspondence forthcoming to clarify release of public documents.

D. Update: Trails committee. Eagle Scout Andrew Parisi completed his project, building 8 mailboxes which will be placed on the various trails.

E: Reviewed Friends of Tennis: Status of Gazebo placement at Schwartz Park.

F: Cricket: Future discussion may be held on offering a youth instructional program.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance – 2017-18 AND 2018-19 update, March 27, 2018: Budget will be presented to the Board of Finance by the Board of Selectmen.

The part-time administrative positions have been combined into one full-time position, per the first selectman and human resources coordinator.

B. Maintenance: None

C. Outdoor Facilities: None

D. Operations: Attendance Policy still to be drafted.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Turf/Town Hall referendum: The question posed was that if a vote is held, would the referendum be held outside the regular FY 2018-19 budget vote. Additional discussion revolved around the issue of would the line items be separated or combined at a referendum vote?

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (COSTANZO, SECONDED (WEITZ) AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:04 PM.

Submitted by: Sherry Kraus

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