

Recreation Committee Meeting
September 16, 2010

Members Present:

Ralph Valentine, Dennis Senibaldi, Bill Brennan, Tim Kelleher, Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Haas. Lynn and Barry Goldman arrived at 7:15 pm.

Members Excused:

Glen Yergeau, Chris O'Neil, and Liaison Ross McLeod.

Mr. Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Alternate Tim Kelleher will be sitting in for Glen Yergeau.

Minutes:

June 17, 2010

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2010; Bill Brennan seconded; passed 3-0-1 (Ralph V. abstaining due to not being at meeting.)

July 22, 2010

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2010; Bill Brennan seconded; passed 3-0-1 (Tim Kelleher abstaining due to not being at meeting.)

August 19, 2010

Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2010; Bill Brennan seconded; passed 3-0-1 (Tim Kelleher abstaining due to not being at meeting.)

Recreation Coordinator Updates:

Cheryl Haas updated the Committee on the Harvest Fest which is on October 16, 2010. Everything is running smoothly for the planning of the event. Dennis Senibaldi discussed how Covanta is interested in partnering with The Transfer Station to have a table there.

Old Business:

CIP Update: The items were presented to the CIP Committee on September 8, 2010. Copies of the submissions are in the Recreation Office.

Field Walk Updates:

Searles Field. Items discussed: bottom ties on fence; repair the fence where the tree fell by the chemical toilet; erosion on fence line; level the bleachers; 50' missing fence by Delahunty; new caps on zig/zag fences due to bees; extension of fence (far left); and trim fence line.

Tokanel: there was a discussion regarding a possible bridge from the street to the field. Mr. Senibaldi reminded everyone it is a DES issue. Other items: trim outfield fence line; add another gate opening on the 1st base side (probably costs approximately \$400); replace sign; and there was a brief discussion regarding a possible French drain system in right field to mid field. Ms. Haas mentioned that the sign may be an Eagle Scout project. The swale/driveway is going to be cleaned up (\$950.)

Tokanel Continued: In conclusion: possible projects for 2011 at Tokanel are: new gate opening, trimming outfield fence line, and French drain system.

Nashua Rd.: Boyden's Landscaping repaired the erosion on the paved driveway (approximately \$300) and he is also repairing the valve on the irrigation system for \$500. Ms. Haas reported that the quote for the additional sprinkler heads was \$1900. We will try to get another quote. The tennis courts and basketball courts fence line is going to be trimmed (\$900.)

Griffin Park: Mr. Senibaldi discussed the possible broken pipe under the tot lot. It is either a pipe or a settlement issue. The committee decided to expend approximately \$1,000 to see what is going on there.

Mr. Senibaldi also discussed the hand-hole area where there are wires, which is very dangerous. This will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

Rogers: The mound on Rogers field #2 needs to be re-built; so either a fall or spring project. Ms. Haas will request a quote in hopes to have it completed this fall.

Parking Lot trees at Rogers Field

Mr. Scott Mueller from the Windham Baseball Softball League was present for this discussion. Many of the trees provide shade for the ball field, so it does not make sense to cut them down. However, there is some dead growth on some of the trees that need to be trimmed and some limb work to be done.

Griffin Park Lights

Mr. Mueller updated the Committee on the lights at Griffin Park. They are functional and working out well. He gave the Committee a report of the summary of the usage, which breaks down the lights from field, walkway, and parking lot.

Windham Tennis Open

The Tournament is September 18 and 19. Ms. Haas has one of the Park Rangers setting everything up by 9 am on Saturday. The Goldman's request the purchase of 72 cans of balls. Ms. Haas will do that on Friday. There were a few maintenance issues that Ms. Haas will have Mr. Barlow look into first thing on Friday.

New Business

December Meeting date discussion.

There was discussion regarding whether to have the meeting or not in the month of December. Bill Brennan made a motion, seconded by Barry Goldman to cancel the December 16, 2010 meeting. Passed 6-0.

Sitting Area at Griffin Park.

Mr. Senibaldi passed out a handout with a sketch and pricing for a sitting area by the tot lot at Griffin Park. There was a great deal of discussion regarding this. The discussion was that it was a good idea, but is now the time to do it. Most agreed that there it would

be nice to have shade while on the playground or at Griffin, because the only location with shade is under the multi-use building. Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to approve the south side portion of the project with the planting of one tree on the north side (for growing purposes) project for \$2900 and have Boyden's Landscaping do the project as soon as possible; Lynn Goldman seconded; the vote carried 4-2 (with Ralph Valentine and Bill Brennan opposed.)

Senior Christmas Party

Ms. Haas discussed how the price of the party has increased, and the amount in the budget has not. Dennis Senibaldi made a motion to over-expend the Senior Christmas Party; seconded by Bill Brennan; the vote carried 6-0. Mr. Brennan would like to see the budget changed in the future with the appropriate amount for the party. Mr. Valentine agreed with the over-expenditure provided that there was extra money in the budget to cover the cost.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haas