

WEST BOYLSTON BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSIONERS

August 8, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Blake, Gary Flynn, Emily Lehman, Jim Pedone (chair), Paul Scally

Members Absent:

Guests: John Milewski (Athletic Director)

Approval of Minutes

- Motion Originator: Steve Blake
- Motion Description: Approve May 2, 2023 minutes.
- Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Treasurer's Report

FIELD REV	REC REV	PRIDE PARK REV	RECREATION APPR	PRIDE PARK FY23	DPW/PARKS FY23	FERTILIZER FY23
\$15,787.88	\$11,171.54	\$536.37	\$4,915.00	\$2,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$18,436.00

Community Input - none

Recreation Director – *discussed under old business*

Outstanding Permit Fees/Insurance Certificates/Facility Requests

Middle/High School - permits approved last meeting. John informed the board of a few maintenance items that need to be addressed. John requested to use the AP field for tryouts, 2 days for each team.

WB Youth Soccer – Keith Brown

- Woodland, softball and A&B fields / Mon-Fri for practices and Sat for games
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: approve WB Youth Soccer's field requests as submitted.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

WB Little League – Jason Vitko

- A&B fields / Wed and Thu (5:30-7:00) and Sat mornings (8:30-10:00)
 - Motion Originator: Emily Lehman
 - Motion Description: approve WB Little League's fall field requests.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Youth Soccer and Little League need to talk and work together regarding scheduling of the A&B fields.

Discussed waiving fee(s) for Arteca Karate, and instead asking for a donation.

Parks Facilities/Maintenance Items

- Sr. Baseball field irrigation, additional zones – pending.
- Fence/netting maintenance – on going.
- Irrigation pump testing - complete
- Townsend Field – rebuild infield
- Tree on common
- Material at Sr. BB field (outside of fence line and near shed) – complete
- AP scoreboard - GFI replacement – \$465 quote to repair two GFI (AP & softball) by electrician.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: approve repair of the two GFI, as quoted.
 - Motion Seconded: Gary Flynn
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Trees along Crescent St. - \$26,305 quote
 - Motion Originator: Paul Scally
 - Motion Description: to request article on the Town Meeting warrant for funding.
 - Motion Seconded: Emily Lehman
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

- Additional items (new & outstanding)

New Business

- Capital expense requests – sprayer for weed control and tractor to allow use of aerator.
 - Motion Originator: Steve Blake
 - Motion Description: submit two capital expense requests (sprayer and tractor), to be support by the DPW.
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

Paul will work on getting quotes for the equipment.

Old Business

- PFC Projects/Mixer – committee has not met. Jim met with engineer, who is working on revisions/corrections to the design plans.
- Pride Park – out to bid. The old equipment will be removed this month.
- Sr. Baseball field dugouts – Steve working with vocational school, may be able to do the beginning of the school year. If so, material would need to be purchased. Steve will ask about them doing doors on high school shed as well.
- AP concession stand - spring
- Softball Shed – no input has been received, put on hold for now.
- Recreation – meeting held (Jim, Town Administrator, Boylston Rec Director, and Chair of Boylston Parks Committee. They seemed receptive to the idea of possibly working with their recreation department. Next step is to attend a Boylston Parks meeting.
- Hours of operation – reviewed draft for signs. Steve will have Connor Sign make revisions.
 - Motion Originator: Emily Lehman
 - Motion Description: to purchase reflective signs, 6 regular and 4 with posts
 - Motion Seconded: Paul Scally
 - Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**
- Softball score board issues – Paul is still working on.

Committee Updates/PFC, Open Space

- PFC – no update
- CPC – no update
- Open Space – meeting with the “18 Malden” group. Moving forward to update open space plan.

Members Requests

- The area of the Goodale courts and the hill behind them, need to be cleaned up.
- Quarterly tours – might be a good idea to start doing again.
- Jim will speak to Town Administrator about an additional employee for the parks.
- Retaining wall – should it be powered washed. Jim will speak with the DPW.

Next Meetings: Sept 12, 2023 7:00PM

Adjourn:

- Motion Originator: Emily Lehman
- Motion Description: Adjourn / 8:35
- Motion Seconded: Steve Blake
- Motion Discussion: - Motion Approvers/Disapprovers: **All Approved**

DATE: _____ approved December 12, 2023