

BELMONT RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

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In Attendance: Dave Kane, Anthony Ferrante, Mary Bradley, Anne Helgen, Marsha Semuels, Lynn Findlay, Ann Beré, June Howell, Frank Sartori, Jay Marcotte

Friends of Grove Street Park and Belmont Youth Baseball, Donna Ruvolo and Chris Donahue

- Friends of Grove St and Belmont Baseball came to an agreement regarding temporary batting cages.
- Path changed from 8 feet wide to 6 feet wide
- Increase foot print of the warm up area, now more room to swing a bat (area already existed, just made a bit larger now)
- Temporary batting cages will be a bit larger than originally planned (will be standard 55ft, rather than being custom made), temporary cages will be set in, making them less visible to neighboring homes. Structure is temporary and will be up early April through end of October. Poles will be stored in the shed during the off season.
- Entrance to the park will be changed
- No retaining wall (soccer field)
- Need to get approval from the historic society for steps into the park near the crosswalk
- Temporary batting cages will be folded in Community preservation application. Baseball will provide a donation and possibly use the same contractors.

Jr. Marauders Football, James MacIssac

- 35 players, 7 & 8th graders
- One of only 2 independent teams, most are run by schools
- Practice at Middle School
- Limit home games because of the high school schedule and the lights. Lights need to be turned off by 10 pm.
- 3 issues
 - Trouble getting busses
 - Scheduling at Harris Field – the only football field in town (mid May – beginning of June) scheduling done by Jim Davis. Your game time can change with HS make up games
 - Practice at 4pm

Belmont Youth Rugby, Peter Rosenmeier

- 8 kids last year, 10 kids this fall
- Follows PTO schedule (1 ½ hours Wednesday afternoons)
- Would love to have 2 days practice
- Co-ed program
- Touch only for now
- 1 in 10 children play at HS level (83 boys, 46 girls last spring)

Belmont Youth Soccer, Charlie Conroy

- 1400-1500 kids a season, fall has higher totals
- 200 -250 volunteer parents/coaches
- Challenge is lights
- Creative thinking for practices
- Irrigation maintenance, system unreliable and costly. Takes a lot of time and it's all volunteers who don't always have the time.
- Wells did not work out well
- Would love to have lights for practice, maybe portable light like in Cambridge
- Can use field when HS does not have a game. Lights go out at 9.

Lucia Wille – Presentation on proposal for possible use of incinerator site (solar farm and bike/skate park)

- will have jumps, hills obstacles
- fun for kids, teens, families
- will have track, skills area and jump lines (for small, medium and large)
- why a bike park? Safe off road experience for all
- place to gather, practice
- low cost to set up, low maintenance
- upkeep by volunteers
- why solar? Cost saving, no net upfront costs

Request for a letter for Town Field playground and Grove Street, letter of support. Dave will draft letter and will be voted upon next meeting.

General and Ongoing Business

- CPA Update – tabled until next meeting due to time
- Adult Education Study Update – tabled until next meeting due to time
- Update on completed IMS with Watertown Rec/Sport - now have a signed agreement with Watertown. It will now be known as Belmont/Watertown Sport. Watertown will give \$6,000 towards the program for Fiscal Year 2018. Future contributions will be determined on an annual basis.
- Summer Program Financial Report- Summer programs have a long way to go. Next year can only use the High School, no Wellington or Burbank. Will need to be lots of planning, deciding what to keep
- Operation of Snack Bar at Rink – John Madden will operate the Snack Bar for the 2017-18 season. Two other vendors expressed interest initially but did not follow through. The snack bar may operate less hours than in previous years but will be open on weekends and for special events
- Year to Date Revenue – June gave out the financial sheets with packets. They are through today (11/14/17)
2018 - \$235,092, 2017 - \$108,865, 2016 - \$204, 666 .
- FY19 Budget Planning - tabled due to time
- Upcoming items - December 15th A Flash Light/Candy Cane hunt event for kids, followed by Parents Night Out where parents go out and drop the kids at Beech Street Center.
- Review and accept minutes for October 10th minutes
- Future meeting date will be discussed at the December 5th meeting due to time