

Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2023
Zoom

Commission Attendees: David Lind (Vice Chair), Steve Colello, Steve Warner, Theresa O'Connor, Anthony Ferrante, Josh Gould (late arrival)

Other Attendees: Brandon Fitts (Recreation Director), Ken Krilla

5:32 PM - Call to order by David Lind

Item 1: Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2023

- No changes
- In favor: Anthony Ferrante, Steve Colello, Steve Warner, Theresa O'Connor, and David Lind
- Josh Gould not present at time of vote

Item 2: Update on CPC Projects by Brandon Fitts

- Two projects to be voted on tonight in terms of support
 - (1) PQ Basketball Court
 - In-kind
 - Activitas not doing project, to be done by Waterfield Design Group (Town Field)
 - Update on pricing/design fees
 - Total construction cost around ~125k
 - (2) Grove Street Park
 - Baseball Fields & Basketball Court (+ fencing)
 - BF spoke with Jon Charwick (Activitas) and Elizabeth Dionne (CPC)
 - Soil top layer amount recommended by Activitas was also recommended by Friends of GSP
 - Question from SW: When was this discussed?
 - Per BF, last meeting with Friends of Grove Street Park (late 2022)
 - AF expressed support of sod option
 - Per BF, sod option not chosen because of cost and on the basis that there is better long-term health of field with soil option
 - Disadvantage to this soil option is that the fields will be out of commission longer
 - Belmont Youth Baseball looking at options
 - Higher cost in budget mostly due to fencing line item
 - Was left out of prior budget because there was confidence in grant funding that ultimately fell through
 - Per BF, ED of CPC is confident there is wiggle room within CPC
 - Question from AF: What's up with the fencing?
 - Old, rusted, in need of redo
 - According to Activitas, this is for all fencing around the park and the baseball fields

Motion to Support Grove Street Park Project:

Move that the Recreation Commission supports the Grove Street Park Project with proposed budget cost and scope proposed at the February 6th, 2023 Meeting.

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- Unanimous approval

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Item 3: Other Recreation Director Updates

- Financial Aid Policy
 - There is no formal policy
 - BF working on application
 - Pre-COVID, used Free + Reduced Lunch as benchmark
 - Process is on-going
 - BF recommends fundraisers for scholarship fund - various Commission members expressed support
 - Donate button on Recreation Department website as other towns, to be discussed further, will depend on revolving fund
- Other programs + projects
 - Spring/Summer brochure in progress, lots of programs this year, on target to meet goals
 - Sweet Heart Dance: 100+ attendees
 - Puzzle Palooza, Middle School Dance coming up
 - Chair of Select Board Mark P. interested in programs/projects for DARE group

Next Meetings:

Monday, 3/6/23

Monday, 4/3/23

6:21 PM - Meeting adjourned