

Recreation Committee
October 21, 2020
4:30PM, Virtual Meeting

Members in attendance: MaryLou Volpe (MV), Erin Carson (EC), Cindy Forgit (CF), Annie Roscioli (AR)
Kadion Phillips (KP) joined at 4:35

Members Absent: Jeff Shapiro (JS)

Others in Attendance: Jeff Bridges Town Administrator

OPENING OF MEETING: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law, G.L. c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Sturbridge Recreation Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen and or watch the meeting either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

AR called the meeting to open at 4:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

9-9-20 EC made a motion to approve the September 9th minutes as written, seconded by CF. Vote 3-0.

9-16-20 MV made a motion to table the September 16th meeting minutes. Seconded by CF. Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 60 Cedar Street Field Discussions.** AR reviewed the turf discussions from Thursday 10/15 with Shaw Turf, SprinTurf, and Field Turf. A summary was emailed to the committee prior to tonight's meeting and staff is currently not ready to make or request any decisions at this time on company and product choice. Next steps will be to visit THS and review their turf process as they used one of the potential vendors, Shaw Turf. EC asked if tours are scheduled for both THS and local fields, AR stated the tours will be scheduled through our engineer and dates are TBD.
- 2. Tennis Courts at Cedar Recreation.** AR reviewed the repair process/history of the tennis courts. Last fall one area was resurfaced with a stain blocker as a test spot for the entire courts. AR shared that our facilities coordinator reached out to a certified tennis court builder, who suggested two repair options. One option being to router out each piece of pyrite and repair the asphalt, with the second option being to use a stain blocking product after sanding all pittings. AR stated that we have used one out of the three recommended stain blocking products, but the certified tennis court builder was clear that the repair process will be trail and error. AR stated her recommendation to the Committee at this time is to complete the test repair process as previously scheduled. AR stated this project should remain under the direction of the Town DPW and Town Administrator as this is not recreation's expertise. **MV made a motion to continue with the process as planned, to use the additional recommended products and rate the results. Seconded by KP. Vote 4-0.**
- 3. Update on Little League Lighting Project.** AR shared that the project is steadily moving forwards. Dagle Eletrical is working on obtaining their permits and current schedule is to break ground mid November.
- 4. 60 Cedar St.** AR informed the Committee that in order to stay ADA compliant and answer to Site Plan Review, we are working on obtaining a cost to create a full master site plan. This would include the work for Phase 1, field and parking, as well as Phase 2, tennis courts, parking, additional roadway work. AR shared that we will not be having a special town meeting.

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS.

Property Usage Reservations remain closed at this time to all external organizations.

ADJOURNMENT: EC made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:52 PM. Seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: Tuesday November 24 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Roscioli

Recreation Director