

Recreation Committee
May 11, 2021
4:00PM, Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance: MaryLou Volpe (MV), Kadion Phillips (KP), Juliana Kuszewski (JK), Cindy Forgit (CF), Annie Roscioli (AR)

Members Absent: Jeff Shapiro (JS)

Others in Attendance: Alex McConnon BOS Executive Assistant

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.

The meeting was opened at 4:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

3-31-21 MV made a motion to accept March meeting minutes as written, seconded by KP. Vote 3-0-1.

4-27-21 KP made a motion to accept April meeting minutes as written, seconded by MV. Vote 3-0-1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tennis Court Repair Discussions. AR reviewed the quote received from Premier Sealcoating & Line Stripping Inc. The company is familiar with situation, the rust holes, and gave a good assessment of what is happening; the problem is not only the pyrite metal in the mix but also that the surface needs a 2 part acrylic coating with a rust bond prohibitor. The research Mark at DPW did jives with that. There is another option to do a urethane coating but that won't adhere to surface at this stage. The long and the short is that the longer time goes the more water gets into holes causing further deterioration. DPW, Lynch, and Premier Sealcoating agree that a test strip would have little gain when the best options is to use a rust bond prohibitor and that it prolongs the issue. The cost of a test strip would be \$4,000. The total estimate to re seal approx. \$21,000 (which is within the agreement for total repairs). To repave them would be sky high. Premier will also pressure wash the surface, provide a safer surface with more grit, and re paint the pickleball lines.

Warranty; they guarantee the workmanship, color and the product itself for a year. Company knows there is an underlying issue with the rust in the courts so that's what the rust bonder is for.

Quote; The amount was arrived at as follows:

Test Section.....\$1,150.00

Premier Quote\$21,700.00

Total Amount to be split 50/50 = \$22,850.00

$22,850 * 50\% = \$11,425.00$

*Full Estimate Attached in Email

Prior Agreement; Lynch split the cost of a \$26,393.00 repair which would be \$13,771.50.

Additional Comments; The Town Administrator is not familiar with the product or the process to make an endorsement of what is proposed. He will provide any insight or assistance as possible but does not have an understanding of the materials in question.

MV stated she has no further questions and suggests that we go with DPW's recommendations, CF agreed.

KP made a motion to accept the quote from Premier Sealcoating, seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

AR asked the Committee if they would like to revisit the request received in 2018 to change the Pickleball lines to a lighter color, as now would be the time to address any changes. The request was for a lighter shade of blue rather than yellow. The new court surfacing will be a darker blue, allowing a lighter blue to show if the Committee decides. The intent is less of a distraction to the Tennis players. MV asked if this adjustment will satisfy the Pickleball players. AR stated she does not know but this could be discussed along with the letter received from Pickleball. KP stated he would be in favor of tabling the discussion on the color of the lines, but would like to support the addition of Pickleball lines on the second court now. AR asked if the Committee would like to separate these as two separate items.

KP made a motion to table the Color of Pickleball lines to the June Recreation meeting, seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

2. Letter from Sturbridge Pickleball on additional lines. AR reviewed the letter received from Sturbridge Pickleball with the Committee, which expressed the needs of the growing league and the request for additional Pickleball lines at Cedar Rec. The Committee expressed their desire to support. The public line was checked for comment.

MV made a motion to add Pickleball lines to the second court at Cedar Recreation Area, within the time frame of the courts being resurfaced. Seconded by JK. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Memorial Request at Cedar Rec Courts. AR asked the Committee if they would like to discuss the request or table again with the hopes of a full board present. MV asked to discuss this tonight rather than table. MV shared that the Recreation Committee has received requests of this nature in the past and they have always been denied as they weren't quite appropriate, so she does not feel as though they can honor this request and apologized. JK agreed that we should follow what has been done in the past, KP also agreed. CF stated she understood but was torn, it is a sad situation. MV agreed but does not feel the Recreation area is not the most appropriate place, and we received too many requests to be able to honor. AR shared that she did offer her assistance to the requesting individual to develop a basketball tournament as a memorial instead.

KP made a motion to deny the memorial request for Cedar Rec, but to support a Tournament Request for a Celebration of Life at the Cedar Rec, seconded by MV. Vote 4-0.

PROPERTY USAGE REQUESTS

1. National Night Out, Town Common, 8/3/21, Police Department.

MV made a motion to accept the request and to allow the Recreation Director to sign for the Chair. Seconded by CF. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: MV made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:31 PM. Seconded by JK. Vote 4-0.

Tentative Next Meeting: June 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Roscioli
Recreation Director