

**Harrington Park Recreation Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17, 2014**

**COMMISSION**

Siobhan Baily	Present
Paul Baly	Present
Joseph Cho	Present
Charles Degruccio	Present
Brian Fitzgerald	Not Present
Tom Gleason	Present
Steve Paciccio	Not Present

Town Council Liaison: Michelle Ryan Present

Secretary: Carolyn Lee

Meeting called to order at 8:05 PM

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Call to order. In compliance with the Sunshine Act of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**a. Resignation**

Joe Cho has given notice that this will be his last meeting as a member of the Recreation Commission.

**b. Minutes**

Minutes for November 18, 2014 formally approved by members at the December 17, 2014 meeting.

**3. HIGHLAND LIGHTING PROJECT**

- Updated Recreation Commission of previous discussion from Mayor and Council meeting
  - 21 light fixtures reduced down to 9 fixtures
- Siobhan had a discussion with Anne Bistriz regarding costs, such as annual maintenance
- Project would like to highlight the flagship of Recreation to enhance the facilities
- The intention of Community Parks of raising the money (approx. \$28,000) is to light the path

- The lighting project would not draw from taxes
- An alternate proposal is needed to present for Mayor and Council
- Siobhan will ask Greg for a recommendation on how to arrange lighting in a visually pleasing way and functionally with reduced light fixtures. Recreation Commission would like to light the path with lights in front of the hut with pavers. This would reduce the number of light fixtures and would address a safety concern of lights behind the hut.
- Siobhan will confirm if the grant was approved in May 2014 and if the town has 18 months to complete
- Siobhan will talk to Kunjesh Trivedi about the budget

#### **4. UPDATES**

##### **a. Field Requests**

No updates.

##### **b. School Coordination**

HSA has requested an evening in April 18, 2015.

School is playing basketball and soccer.

##### **c. Sports Coordination**

- i. **Men's basketball** – during the winter season, moved Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm to Monday 8:00-9:30pm.
- ii. **Baseball** is thinking about going from travel to a multi-town program. They have the nights, no rec and no travel. It would be a multi-town travel team which would be a different organization and they would have their own insurance. There is a preference to keep the baseball and softball within baseball and softball organizations. If they were to happen, let the baseball organization co-ordinate the field allocation and Recreation does not need to be involved.

– the numbers are down and they are working with the four towns to create a travel team. They created an LLC that was created a year ago to bring the team to Cooperstown. They are looking to ensure that there is equal representation between towns with coaches, parent support and insurance. They are looking for approval and equal access to our fields.

Questions

- Are we charging the team for field time?
  - Is our baseball organization coordinating this?
  - Is there a maintenance cost to be charged?
  - How do the other towns cover the maintenance of the fields?
  - Does HP Baseball support this?
- If HP Baseball co-ordinates the fields time then Recreation would likely approve the baseball travel team.

- iii. **Basketball** – concern of the quality of the floor at the school. They will go to the church for more time and will go to Ms. Nitzberg to talk about the maintenance of the floors.  
Questions for Tom
  - Is the APR off limits on Sundays? Answer: No, practices are scheduled there every Sunday.
  - Is 9am the earliest? Answer: 9am for Saturday, and noon for Sunday.
- iv. **Soccer** – there is a request for sprinkler system for Highland soccer field and a long-term plan for Highland Field. Tom and Steve should meet with Mitch to discuss these ideas. There is a request that the town does the field lining and blow the leaves.
- v. **Lacrosse** – Lance has requested more time at Pondsides. He should contact Mike Rutigliano about schedule.
- vi. **Suggested Maintenance of Facilities** – Fields should be graded and batting changes should be maintained. Batting cages have been cleaned. There are feelings that DPW should maintain it, but others feel that the organizations using the facilities should maintain it.
- vii. **Drainage in Field 4 and Lower Grade Clay** – discussion during Sports meeting
- viii. **Fields at the school** – it is difficult for DPW to scarify the field during the summer because of the school summer camp program. Recreation should see what the companies would bid for scarifying fields in next contact.

**5. PROJECTS**

**a. Historical Cemetery**

A bid for \$143,000 from 4CleanUp has been accepted. A cinderblock wall and fence will be built and the drainage will be addressed.

**6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Tom has requested \$150 to purchase shelving to organize recreation items (Fishing Derby, Flag Football, Halloween) stored in the Borough Hall basement. Attending members voted to approve. Tom will confirm with Ann B.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 8:00PM.