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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

05 June 2017

Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chair, Renee Dowling, Richard Sawyer, Kathy Pina and James Tenaglia

Absent: Joseph O'Brien, Vice Chair

Also Present: Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services, Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services, and Joe Izzo, General Manager HYCC

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves. Motion made by Richard Sawyer to accept the minutes for May's meeting as submitted, Renee Dowling seconded. **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR**

Public Comment – None

Soccer Resort Beach Blitz Presentation, Niall Swan – Patti Lloyd, CC Chamber of Commerce spoke on behalf of Niall Swan, an event holder from Texas. Patti Lloyd stated participants come from all over New England and as far as Toronto, approximately 60 teams, about 1,300 individuals. Ages of players range from eight years old to adults. Niall gets the information out mainly via social media, his website and soccer magazines. The event has gone from zero to sell out in three years. Patti Machado stated we need to make sure the rules and regulations are clear to all the participants. Parking is only an issue during the transitions of teams. Patti Machado stated the referee's need to know they must pay for parking at the beach. The event helps to showcase our beaches. It takes place Saturday, August 5th. Patti Machado requested a copy of Niall's insurance and financials.

Weston & Sampson Field Study Overview, Gene Bollinger – PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit A)

The project team is as follows from the **TOB**: Amanda Ruggiero (DPW Project Mgr), Lynne Poyant (Community Services), John Gleason (Recreation), Lindsey Counsell (CPC), Joe O'Brien (Recreation Commission), David Kanyock (School Department), Scott Thomas (School Department).

Weston & Sampson: Gene Bolinger and Doug Morse. **Tom Irwin Advisors:** Ian Lacy and Bryan Barkley.

Presentation Outline: project team; basic project goals; primary work tasks; tentative project timeline; public comments

Basic Project Goals: confirm community needs; record current field conditions; establish strategic; plan for improving conditions; begin implementing the strategic plan

Primary Tasks

- 1 **Needs Assessment:** Open Space Plan; field user matrix; identify current capacity; user survey plus public input meetings; field inspections/observations; geographic distribution; trends | Identify future capacity
- 2 **Field Inspections:** up to 50 facilities; baseball | softball; Rectangular; multi-use; schools; parks and open space properties; other locations as designated by the town

Field #	Site Name
1	Barnstable West Barnstable Elementary - Baseball
2	Barnstable West Barnstable Elementary - Baseball
3	Cotuit Elementary Baseball Field
4	Pope John Paul High School - Baseball
5	Pope John Paul High School - Football/Soccer
6	McKeon Field
7	Hyannis East Elementary
8	Lorusso Sports Complex - Little League Field (w/ lights)
9	Barnstable Intermediate School - Baseball
10	Barnstable Intermediate School - Baseball
11	Barnstable Intermediate School - Baseball
12	Barnstable Intermediate School - Soccer
13	Hyannis West Elementary School - Baseball
14	Hyannis West Elementary School - Baseball
15	Hyannis West Elementary School - Soccer
16	Elizabeth Lowell Park - Baseball
17	Marstons Mills Elementary School - Baseball Field
18	Marstons Mills Elementary School - Baseball Field
19	Osterville Bay Elementary School - Baseball/Soccer
20	Osterville Bay Elementary School - Softball/Soccer
21	Cape Cod Collaborative (formerly Osterville Elementary School) - Baseball
22	Cape Cod Collaborative (formerly Osterville Elementary School) - Baseball
23	Barnstable United Elementary School (formerly Horace Mann) - Baseball
24	Barnstable United Elementary School (formerly Horace Mann) - Baseball
25	Barnstable United Elementary School (formerly Horace Mann) - Soccer/ Football
26	Barnstable High School - Softball
27	Barnstable High School Baseball - Field 1
28	Barnstable High School Baseball - Field 2
29	Barnstable High School Soccer - Field 1
30	Barnstable High School Soccer - Field 2
31	Barnstable High School Leo Child's Football Field
32	Marstons Mills East Elementary - Baseball
33	Lombard Field Softball Field
34	Centerville Elementary School - Baseball Field 1
35	Centerville Elementary School - Baseball Field 2
36	Barnstable Hollow Field
37	Marshall J Lopes Jr. Field
38	Centerville Main Street Park Field / Field of Dreams

Assessment criteria	No of locations	Method of Assessment	Equipment	Rationale
Soil Sample	Min 5 locations on field	Laboratory Analysis	Soil Sample Corer	To establish soil physical components and departure from ideal, as well as, plant available nutrient levels. This helps with recommending a course of improvements if and when required.
Safety inspection	All of the field	Visual	Camera, Tape Measure	To identify any apparent hazards on the field such as holes, divots, debris, animal waste. Establishes that hazard checks have been conducted.
Turf Cover %	5 locations	Visual and measurement	Turf Quadrant	To establish the percentage of turf cover on the field. Turf cover is important to maintaining and prolonging field quality, acceptable play, and desirable conditions.
Desirable Grass Species %	5 locations	Visual and measurement	Turf Quadrant	Is important to identify the percentage of desirable grass as they ensure the quality and presentational values of the sward, as well as, improving the stability of the field.

Weed %	5 locations	Visual and measurement	Turf Quadrant	A high percentage of weeds will out-compete desirable grass species and negatively impact player traction and field quality, which in turn will affect the playability and presentational levels of the field. Weeds often are indicators of other areas of weakness such as nutrition, compaction, moisture, or overuse.
Surface Impact Hardness	5 locations	Measurement	Clegg Hammer	The Clegg hammer records impact deceleration which directly correlates to player safety and concussion risk. It is the recognized standard for Field Hardness for the national Football League.
Structural Compaction	5 locations	Measurement	Penetrometer	Unlike surface impact hardness the penetrometer measure soil compaction at depth, this relates to very
(Max 6" Depth)				compact soil layers, or "hard pans" which impede root development, moisture infiltration, and percolation.
Surface Infiltration	2 Locations	Measurement	Infiltrometer	Is important to understand how much moisture is able to infiltrate into the structure and the rate at which this moisture is able to percolate through the soil structure. This metric will be applicable to plant health and the speed that the field can be returned to play.
Planarity	5 locations	Measurement	9ft Straight Edge and Graduated Wedge	Identifies any localized undulations that could affect the playability of the surface, through irregular movements/bounces of a ball, furthermore, field undulations will compromise a player's stride and footing.
Root Depth	5 locations	Measurement	Soil sample corer	Identifies the root depth, a well developed root structure with acceptable depth will lead to a well developed plant, which is able to anchor into the soil this is essential to playability and structural integrity of the turf. A healthy root system makes for a more durable and resilient stand of turf that is better able to adapt to adverse conditions and stresses..

Other Characteristics: field size; orientation; grading/drainage; accessibility; initial observations.

3 Strategic Plan: new, redeveloped or reconfigured fields; new or renovated ancillary facilities; new or adjusted programming offerings; new maintenance protocols, including staffing + equipment (improvement strategies must match town's maintenance capacity); site by site improvement strategies; property expansions + new properties; new synthetic turf field footprints; capital and operational cost implications of all initiatives; phasing/funding + implementation strategies

Tentative Project Timeline: **Kick off Meeting**-April 26, 2017; **Data Gathering**-Ongoing; **Needs Assessment**-August 15, 2017; **Field Inspections + Testing**-June 1-July 28, 2017; **Public Outreach Meeting #1**-June 5, 2017; **Strategic Plan**-September 8, 2017; **Plan Adoption**-September 30, 2017

Comprehensive Athletic Field Study

How can you help?

Follow project progress
Attend public meetings
Encourage other to attend
Complete user survey
Offer constructive information

Discussion followed. The survey will be on the Town's website; Renee Dowling suggested linking the survey to the School's websites, also concerns about turf safety and to keep lacrosse on the list for field usage. Commission expressed concerns with the ongoing tick situation. Richard Sawyer stressed that the field study be as comprehensive as possible, especially ongoing maintenance. Kevin Turner suggested using John Gleason regarding field use by the different user groups; hours of field use children vs adults; W&S stated all of that goes into their study. Get to the most users for the survey; Richard Sawyer mentioned pickball and hope the community comes out to express interest in this and other sports; turf fields are much safer than in the past but it is the cost and maintenance. Kevin Turner also asked if the beaches are being looked at as field use. W&S stated no, but a good suggestion. Patti Machado stated the beaches are already used for volleyball, soccer, wiffleball etc. they are used as fields already, they just aren't maintained the same way, beaches are simple. Richard Sawyer stated want to reemphasis that this is a very important report for us.

Bill Dado, Marstons Mills, stated I hope picklball is addressed. Disappointed not being addressed in the field study; about 155 people playing in Barnstable, fastest growing group. Bill stated thanks for reassuring me this will be added. Barry Paster, W Barnstable stated the fields are in disrepair, but with the "if you build it and they will come" idea how do you get there. Lynne Poyant stated Lombard field is a \$1.6 million project and has gone out to bid, it was recognized outside this field study because of the need to upgrade it. John Gleason has contacted past user groups who left because of the conditions of the fields and the hope is to bring them back with the "build it and the will come" vision. Richard Sawyer suggested looking at walking paths around the fields. Gene Bollinger stated we totally get how important this study is to the town and hope to bring back some great information.

HYCC Staff Report, Joe Izzo – Handout (Exhibit B)

JUNE EVENTS

- Cape Cod Chowdah Classic (Adult Women's Hockey Tournament) (6/2 – 6/4)
- Bike Safety Rodeo (6/10)
- Father Daughter Dance (6/16)

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- United States Coast Guard Commandants Cup Hockey Tournament (4/27-4/29)
- Parking Permits are being sold in the front reception area (since May 1st)
- Cape & Islands Job Fair 2017 (5/1) *Presented by Cape Cod Media Group*
- Festival of Museums (5/6) *Presented by First Citizens Federal Credit Union*
- Summer Program Registration (5/9)

HYCC SUMMER OUTLOOK 2017

- In addition to summer leagues on the ice and in the gym there will be lots of activity during the day with the following sports camps taking place in the facility in July and August:
 - High School Summer Leagues
 - Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Hockey Camps
 - Laura Stamm Power Skating
 - Total Athletics Hockey School
 - Greg Carter European Hockey School
 - Pro Ambitions Battle Camp
 - Basketball Camps
 - ASA Hoops (“A Step Ahead” Hoops)
 - Hoop Group
 - HYCC Late Summer Vacation Program
 - Special Events
 - Cape Cod Adult co-ed hockey tournament (*August 4-6*)
 - Cranberry Open Figure Skating Competition – *Yarmouth Ice Club (August 9-12)*

LOCKER ROOM - REFRESH

The Maintenance Department will begin their summer locker room refresh project. The locker rooms will be cleaned and painted prior to the start of the Youth Hockey Season.

IN THE MEDIA

Grandmaster Jim Brassard – Martial Arts Program:

<http://www.capecodtimes.com/sports/20170525/local-grandmaster-earns-brand-new-recognition>

Renee Dowling asked about the AC situation at the HYCC. Joe Izzo stated the DPW are working on it and have identified quite a few issues.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – Handout (Exhibit C)

A. Administration

- a. Christian’s Law hearing May 12th
- b. Fields

Lopes – Warning track put in. Place looks amazing

Osterville Bay – Infield cut out on the main field, next week other field

Centerville Bay Lane – DPW has continued to maintain (Little League not doing any field maintenance) *Kevin Turner asked Patti to let the Town Manager know that Little League is not maintaining the field and that their contract should be renegotiated Patti state she would.*

Marstons Mills Fields – have upgraded

Lombard Field/Luke’s Love/Parking lot – Opened bids this past week. They came in \$65,000 higher than anticipated. Discussions are happening soon.

B. Spring Recreation Programs

- a. Spring Program Comparison-attached
- b. Road Races
 - i. Glenna Kohl – Piggy Trot – Dedication of the New Shade at Dowses and Craigville *Patti stated people are really excited about the awnings*

C. Summer Program Registration

- a. Starting out slow

- i. Programs that are Full:
 1. All the Leisure Program
 2. Extended Youth Sailing
 3. Sandy Neck Junior Ranger
 4. Waterbabies Dowses night lessons
 5. Sailing M/W 1:30-4pm
 6. Dance – Hip hop Acro/Preschool Classes
 7. Arts & Crafts ages 6-10
 8. Covell's Swim Program we cut
 9. HYCC – Baking

D. Aquatics

- a. Lifeguards – Tryouts – still need more Lifeguards. We lost a few to internships
- b. Cape & Island Beach Mangers Meeting – Shark Protocol and Lifeguard Comp. held in Wellfleet on Thursday, August 10th. Next year is Barnstable's turn.

E. Youth Commission – Carrie Osborn

- a. Distribution of \$40,000 worth of convenience store items *went to the Baby Center and Angel House*
- b. Intergenerational Tea *Patti stated we have 500 residents in their 90's; 104 year old is receiving the cane this year*

Liaison's Report – None

Matter's Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair – None

New Business – Richard Sawyer asked about the alternate commission member. Kevin said yes, it was approved will have more information next meeting, put on agenda. Also, for the agenda formal voting and employee of year awards.

Motion made by Richard Sawyer to adjourn Renee Dowling second; **VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR.**

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

**Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meet Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
6/5/17	NA	6/1/17	Weston&Sampson	RC	Field Study	A
6/5/17	6/5/17	6/5/17	Joe Izzo	RC	Staff Report	B
6/5/17	6/5/17	6/5/17	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	C