



Parks and Recreation workshop Meeting 01/19/2023

Attendees (All Present)

Director – Erica Harris-Grimes

President – Jim Troiano

Vice President – Kenneth DeIMastro

Secretary – Arthur Bonafiglia

Member – Josh Troiano

Member – Stacey Papo

Public – Michael Boisvert – Seekonk little league, Matthew Pringle – Seekonk youth basketball—David Visnick Softball – Heather Hunt Soccer Board

Quorum Approved

Agenda

Old Business – None

New Business – Workshop for recreation master plan(Cole st. Medeiros Farm)

Meeting start - 6:32pm

Opening Discussion – reviewing prior leagues inquiries to Erica as she has taken new position as director.

All permitting for fields goes through Erica

DPW new Asst. director Jim Halpin has been active in helping out with issues that concern Parks and rec/DPW. DPW attempting to hire to fill multiple positions so some projects may take some time to complete.

League discussions –

Baseball Discussion 6:42pm- North school fields for baseball needs to be in practice condition, need two fields to be maintained for 16 possible teams using for practice. Fields need to be skinned, edged. Baseball will maintain there-after.

Is it possible to schedule a meeting with Jim/Erica/Mike for needs and solutions for North school baseball fields.

Softball Discussion- 6:50pm

Softball- game fields are in poor condition, Erica has had conversations with vendors to continue to improve the conditions at the Cole st. Location, field 3. Waiting on estimate to come back for repairs.

Possibility of adding a French drain to allow function for field 1.

Fields at Cole st need to be “dragged” for routine maintenance.

If softball had three functional fields there would be no need for the Water lane location to be used.

Baseball can reserve Fridays for softball in the event softball has a mid-week “rain-out” there needs to be communication

Softball will reserve Saturday afternoons in the event of a rain out so they don’t have any field issues in the event of inclement weather.

Basketball Discussion-7:23pm

Basketball – no issues

Soccer Discussion – 7:24pm

Soccer – No issues

7:25pm – Erica w/ New Business

Erica circulates new field reservation form to the group.

Erica will go through all the school admin for field use in an attempt to streamline the process.

February 13th is the earliest leagues can reserve for spring.

Check to see if BOS voted down charging leagues for field use.

Directors Report – 7:36pm

Directors report was made up of field 3 discussion. How to maintain moving forward

Budget Discussion – 7:37pm

Its believed to be around 25k per year. Erica will review and get confirmation

CPC discussion, best way for major projects (Cole st, north school) are to go through CPC and fill out application.

CPC may be a better resource or major projects due to their robust budget relative to parks and rec.

The process for using Parks and rec budget was explained for all leagues to hear.

Should Parks and rec set a limit for each to spend per year for expenses?

7:53pm – Mike Boisvert

All seasons overlapping with baseball playoffs, can we communicate amongst each other to avoid putting families in limbo in regards to mandatory events.

Is there a preferred platform for communication amongst the groups to work together?

Erica can put together a organization chart for all league presidents in an effort to increase communication.

All companies should use ICORI for background checks for any on-field personnel.

Action Items

Jim and Erica to meet to determine what the budget for parks and rec actually is.

8:10 - Motion to adjourn

Seconded @ 8:11

Next Meeting

Feb 16th location TBD