

Town of Tiverton

Recreation and Beach Commission
364 Judson Street Tiverton, Rhode Island 02878

Meeting Minutes for October 21th 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Gary Rose. Members present were Gary Rose, Susan Zimich, John Cordeiro, Kristen Plourde, Susan Gill, Tom Pearson and Recreation Coordinator Keith Cory.

Public Delegations: Bill McGeogh was there to give an update on the field work that has been done on Town Farm lower soccer field. Bill reported that he is waiting for the seed to sprout, rain has helped. All the monies that were allotted for this job, have been used.

Gary Rose reported that we may have in issue in the spring, weather depending, field might not be ready for play. He suggested that the committee start to think of alternate fields for spring sports, such as TLL softball.

Bill also mentioned that he is watching the accumulation of water on the west side of lower field and Lapointe Field.

Bill came with some estimates for work to all fields in town, Gary is to make copies of estimate to distribute to members.

Top Field: Has lots of holes, health and safety hazard. Bill reported that we are in need of soil, and that it is very difficult to find good soil. John mentioned that there is soil at the field, but it may need to be sifted, due to broken glass found in the area. Fall clean up is needed.

Pocasset Baseball and Sylvia Fields need repairs to lips on the field, these are extreme hazards. An estimate of approximately \$8,600. Also, both fields need fall clean ups.

Fort Barton: Has 3 spots were perk test were done that need repair, along with a fall clean up.

South Field: Fall clean up needed.

Daniels Field: Bill recommends stripping the lips around skinned field, replacing sod, along with a fall clean up.

Bulgarmarsh: Strip whatever is left of the infield grass and replace with bluestone product. Fall clean up also.

Lapointe Field: Fall Clean up. A four inch wide trench 425' long and 18" depth to fix drainage problem. But Bill also suggests waiting, because he is still watching the problem.

Bill also found a roller to rent for a week for \$957.94

Committee decided to vote on fall clean ups for all fields for a cost of \$2983.00. Susan Gill made the motion and John Cordiero seconded.

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John Cordeiro made a motion to make the repairs to Sylvia Field, Susan Gill seconded that motion.

The Pocasset/Sylvia Field work estimate addressing replace and repairs to lips came to 12,039.00

The estimate for misc. odds and ends drainage and South Field lips was 2726.00.

In conclusion Bill mentioned that in his town contract, maintenance costs were approved by the town council, but monies were never appropriated.

Recreation Coordinator's report: Keith reported that he is looking to clean out the beach facilities, but needs input on where to store inventory due to the potential closing of the community center. Gary said that he would ask Matt, and let Keith know the outcome. Keith is also working on some ideas for Recreation program in the Spring.

Treasurers Report: John requested the total expense budget to actual activity report YTD from the town, but has still not received it. Gary suggested John ask Denise for the "Denise report."

Secretaries Report: Chris Roemlein was not present tonight. John Cordeiro made a motion to approve and amend August Meeting Minutes and Susan Zimich seconded that motion.

Susan Gill completed a rules and regulations document for the Rec. Commission to review and discuss at the next meeting. Sue Gill also asked if the Commission would entertain a change of Tuesday night meetings to another weeknight due to her conflict with Planning Board meetings. Sue will check the Town Hall's open availability and it will be discussed at next meeting.

Agenda Items: Winterizing the lines at the fields, Matt suggests using glycol, Gary will inquire cost and availability.

Susan Gill asked about winterizing the pump at Fogland. Gary reported it just needs to be shut down and drained. Town maintenance will complete this job and the field lines.

- **Discussion on hours for lights on the walking track at Town Farm and implementation of timers.** Gary reports that there is a timer for the residents to switch on and the lights will automatically turn off after a period of time. Lengthy discussion on how long the lights should stay on at Bulgarmarsh and the amount of vandalism currently going on there. The skate park has graffiti and tire tracks over recently seeded lawn. More police presence is needed.
- **Stonewall wall repairs at Town Farm.** Sanford did an estimate to repair wall and make an opening for pedestrians to pass on to lower field. Estimate of 2,350.00 was given by Sanford.
- **Replacing benches at on lower soccer field.** Susan Zimich mentioned that the benches need to be repaved. Gary said he will look into the cost of metal benches.
- **Discussion on the budget for 2015.** Gary suggested having a special meeting for budget on Nov. 3rd at 7pm at the Town Hall. This will be a workshop.
- **Discussion for New Chairman.** Gary Rose suggested taking nominations. John Cordeiro made a motion to nominate Gary Rose. Gary accepted. All members in favor.
- **Discussed ideas to thank Deb Ebbitt for her many years of service to the town.**
- **Soccer Complex update.** No new news. John spoke with Bob Levesque about TYS supporting and raising money. Bob was very receptive. John will speak with Denise at the Town Hall to start and account and develop a subcommittee for the complex.

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- **Gazebo update.** The gazebo is up and looks great. Discussion for planning summer movies and entertainment.
 - **Town farm playground update:** Playground is in disrepair and tennis courts need replacing. Gary would like to see three tennis courts and one basketball court.
- Followup on beach fee proposal and field fees to be discussed again at next meeting.

Adjournment: Workshop for budget 2015 on November 3rd 7 pm at Town Hall. Next meeting possibly November 18th 7 pm, place to be determined. A motion was made by Gary Rose to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 pm and seconded by Susan Zimich.