

Medfield Parks and Recreation Minutes

Pfaff Center 12/17/08 7:30 AM

Attending: COMMISSIONERS: Toby Burrell, Tom Caragliano, Steve Farrar, and Lisa Louttit
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION: Jim Snyder
PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Kevin Ryder
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Paula Carroll
OTHER ATTENDEES: Steve Kramer, Mike Leuders, Mike McQuillan, and Michael Parks

1. Motion: Approve 12/3/08 Minutes. Vote: Motion carries (4-0).

2. Conversion of McCarthy Park Softball Field to Duel-Usage Baseball/Softball Field

Youth Lacrosse is looking into the practice football field at the High School as a new place to play if/when the McCarthy softball field is converted to a duel-usage baseball and softball field. Steve Kramer and Mike McQuillan are waiting to hear back from Bob McGuire.

3. Landscape Strategy

Prior to requesting bids for landscaping, square footage estimates for 1) every athletic field and 2) twelve public areas currently maintained by Parks & Rec will have to be established. Square footage that cannot be derived from plot plans and unenlarged/unreduced GPS photos will be measured manually with a wheel by Tom Caragliano and Mike Parks. Mike Leuders recommends that soil testing be conducted prior to bidding, particularly for the athletic fields.

4. Ice Skating Rink

Requests for volunteers to maintain a proposed ice skating rink have been submitted to the local Medfield newspapers and Boston Globe "Metrowest" section. Nevertheless, with or without interested citizen volunteers, the Board of Commissioners (Toby Burrell, Steve Farrar, and Tom Caragliano) will volunteer their time to maintain an ice skating rink. Thus, weather permitting, an ice skating rink will be constructed next to the Pfaff Center as soon as approvals, supplies, and a team to build the rink can be arranged.

5. Skate Board Park

In order for fundraising to be successful, Jean Bourdon is requesting the Commissioners publicly announce that mid-Metacomet Park, next to the bleachers, has been chosen as the site for the future skate board park. First, the Commissioners must visit the site and take measurements to define how big the skate board park can be. Steve Farrar will make arrangements with Jean and Jim Snyder to meet at Metacomet after the holidays and determine the dimensions for the skate board park. Then, the approval of the skate board park has to be voted on by the Commissioners. Jean Bourdon is also looking for a project manager. Parks & Rec does not have anyone to serve this role. It is recommended she search for a Medfield resident to volunteer for the project management duties who has construction expertise.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 AM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday EVENING, January 7th at 7:30 PM.