



MEDFIELD PARKS & RECREATION

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Pfaff Center 12/9/09 7:00 PM

Attending: COMMISSIONERS: Toby Burrell, Lisa Louttit, Mel Seibolt, and Tom Caragliano
PARKS AND RECREATION: Jim Snyder (Director), Kevin Ryder (Program Coordinator), and Paula Carroll (Office Assistant)
BAY COLONY RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE: Chris McCue-Potts and Christian Donner

1. Motion: Approve 11/04/09 Minutes. Vote: Motion carries (4-0).

2. Unfinished Business

Jim Snyder is working with MYBS via George Chung to establish a field fee usage payment schedule and to establish a priority list for field improvement projects.

The old main hall laminate floor will be ripped up the week of Dec 14-18. The wood floors underneath will be refurbished the week of Dec 28-31. The floors in Activity Rooms A & B will also be refurbished that week.

The kitchen cabinets and walls are being primed and will be painted the week of Dec 28-31.

3. Old Colony Rail Trail Project

Christian Donner gave a presentation about the grassroots community task force, the Bay Colony Rail Trail Committee, which has been established to advocate on behalf of building a seven mile trail parallel to the defunct Old Colony MBTA railroad tracks. The trail would be located in Medfield, Needham, and Dover. The Parks & Rec Board is unable to provide any funding for the project, but is willing to assist the committee with questions and other requests. Christian notified the Board that the next step in the process is legislative approval for a feasibility study, thus a letter to the local legislators from the Parks & Rec Board would be appreciated.

4. Skate Park

The Parks & Rec Board attended the Nov 21 "Skate at Metacomet" event. The Board was impressed and looks forward to watching the Friends of the Skate Park as they make progress toward building a park.

5. Dept of Capital Mgt (DCAM) Land

DCAM land on the old hospital site has the potential to eventually be viable practice/play areas for sport. Jim and Kevin will develop programming ideas and ascertain the prep required to implement such programs.

6. School Dept and Parks & Rec Field/Court Usage

Jim Snyder is working out a quid-pro-quo mutually beneficial field/court barter system with Bob Maguire. The School Dept will allow Parks & Rec to use their fields and gyms in exchange for Parks & Rec waiving field usage fees and court usage fees for School Dept activities.

7. Kingsbury Club

Toby Burrell has met with Kingsbury Club. In addition to the indoor tennis classes, Kingsbury is interested in creating new opportunities to partner in future programs. Jim Snyder and Kevin Ryder will arrange to meet with the club manager next week.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 PM. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday MORNING, January 6th, 7:30 AM.