

**PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE**

**MINUTES**

**November 8, 2013**

**7:45 am at Warren**

**Attending:**

Tripp Sheehan, Recreation	Jan Kasetta, Recreation	Mike Pakstis, DPQ
Owen Dugan, BPW	Bill Darcey, Youth Hockey	Mike Jennings, Lacrosse
John Brown, AD	Stephen Murphy, NRC	Patti Quigley, School Comm.
Jeanette Dibiase, Little League	Cynthia Westerman, Football	Melissa Wilson, HS STF
Janet Hartke Bowser, NRC	Dave Hickey, DPW	Ed Lasch, Soccer
Ted Chrysticas, HS		

**Minutes for October 11, 2013:**

<u>Motion:</u>	By Steve Murphy to approve Minutes of October 11.
<u>Seconded:</u>	By Mike Jennings
<u>Vote:</u>	All in favor

**HS Stadium Task Force Update:**

Patti Quigley reported that a meeting was held earlier this week. Tasks have been outlined. Patti & Tom Harrington have talked to Town Boards for their support. They now plan to talk to CPC to be put on their 5 year plan. One of the biggest current obstacles is fundraising. Cynthia Westerman said that the biggest need right now is the raise money for the design funds. The group will now work to develop a fundraising team and strategy. Cynthia thought that they would be seeking to raise about \$150,000 for design fees.

John Brown spoke to the condition of the current field, which is in "terrible condition". It was discussed at the Bay State AD meeting and there are questions regarding if the field is even playable for the remainder of the season.

Discussion continued and centered on what some felt was an imperative initiative to get funds from each of the youth sports groups and from Town Funds.

Cynthia asked where the fees to pay Gale Associates came from for the Sprague project. Mike Pakstis though that it came from the field account and that the total was about \$40,000.

John Brown pointed out that the Wellesley High School Athletic program is number one in the state for student participation. The Town does not budget the Athletic program. It is self funded through user fees and gate receipts. John felt that the Town needs to know this, that there is no money in his budget to put towards the project.

**Field Fee User Account:**

Mike Pakstis reported on spending from the field accounts. There is currently about \$157,000 in the turf replacement fund and about \$56,000 in the general field fund. Janet Bowser pointed out that generally speaking, the amount taken into the field account goes right back to actual field maintenance.

**Wall Ball:**

Mike Jennings spoke with Joe McDonough (FMD) about the signs that have been posted at the Sprague field building. The signs say that kids can't hit off the building anymore. Mike is looking for a place for kids to do this, perhaps at the high school.

**Playing Fields Bathrooms:**

Mike Quinn is exploring putting port-o-potties at the fields. The School Committee is supportive as long as they are safe. NRC will see how it goes, for a year, before they approve use at any of their fields.

**Sprague Parking & Traffic Flow:**

Dave Hickey reported that he is still working on the plan.

**Approval of Field Permits:**

Summer permits were approved for: Bede Soccer, Eastern Mass Soccer, Achieve/Mass Elite Lacrosse, PrimeTime Lacrosse (July programs) and PrimeTime Lacrosse (weekend of June 21-22 for Sprague only – not Hunnewell).

**Next meeting:**

Friday, December 13, 2013, 7:45 am @ Warren

Motion: To adjourn by Bill Darcey  
Seconded: By Mike Jennings  
Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9 am.