

PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE
MINUTES
January 16, 2026
7:45 am online zoom meeting

Attending:

Voting Members:

Linda Chow – School Committee (SC), Jeff Weschler – Board of Public Works (BPW), Beth Sullivan-Woods – Select Board (SB), Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission (RC), Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Chris Howard – Wellesley United Soccer (S), Ann Williams – Little League (LL)

Board/Commission staff and other guests:

Matt Chin – RC; Tim Bania – BPW; David Hickey – BPW; John Brown – SC; Brandon Schmitt – NRC

1. Call to order by Laurance Stuntz at 7:53 am
2. Citizen Speak:
 - a. None
3. Minutes:
 - a. The PFTF briefly discussed the minutes of the May, June, August, September, and October 2025 meetings and agreed that given the fluid nature of attendance at PFTF meetings, it was best to post the minutes rather than further delaying to ensure that exactly everyone who was at a particular meeting approved their posting. Laurance Stuntz reminded the audience that all PFTF meetings are recorded and available to the public on the Wellesley Media website.

Motion: By Jerry Nigro: To approve the minutes from the May, June, August, September, and October 2025 meeting.

Seconded: By Ann Williams

Voted in Favor: Linda Chow – School Committee (SC), Beth Sullivan-Woods – Select Board (SB), Laurance Stuntz – Recreation Commission; Jeff Wechsler – Board of Public Works (BPW); Jerry Nigro – Boys Lacrosse (BL), Chris Howard – Soccer (S); Ann Williams – Little League (LL)

4. Field Applications:
 - a. New applications
 - a. Terriers to run a camp at Kelly Field during April Vacation.
 - b. Notifications to user groups
 - a. WUSC Memorial Day Weekend Tournament at Sprague
 - b. Sprague PTO for Field Games – May 13th, 12-3, Sprague 1
 - c. Wellesley Wonderful Weekend – May 15-17, Multipurpose & Reidy + Fireworks staging perimeter across the Aqueduct on Sunday.

Motion: By Beth Sullivan: To Approve the Terriers application

Seconded: By Jerry Nigro

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5. Project Updates

a. High School Track and Field / Hunnewell Fields

i. Dave Hickey reported:

1. Hunnewell Tennis and Pickleball Court redevelopment is complete.
2. Bathrooms and Concessions building is complete and they are closing out the final permits. Dave asked the community to let him know if people see the lights on at night.
3. Team Room contractor has been selected and they are working on developing the schedule, hopefully building foundation and utilities to go in before the end of the school year, with setting and hookup this summer, available for use Fall 2026.

ii. Linda Chow recapped the Schools' usage of Hunnewell Track & Field during the 2025 Athletic Seasons. Presentation is here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NsHDFnQyS74ICWU9Rx1gsn6YAmelR-c/view>

b. Enhancements to Sprague Fields

i. Dave Hickey reported is that he is still putting together the bid package for the installation of the restrooms. Goal is to get the restrooms installed in the summer of 2026.

c. Ice Rink at the High School

- i. Matt Chin reported that with labor donated from Parks and Water, supported by the School Committee, and approved by the NRC, the Recreation Commission has provided for the installation of a temporary skating rink on the outdoor basketball courts at the High School.
- ii. Wellesley Youth Hockey is organizing volunteers to support cleaning the rink off in the event of snow.
- iii. The Task Force agreed to wish for cold nights and not too much wind to freeze the rink solid.

6. General Fields discussion

i. None.

7. Adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn by Laurance Stuntz at 8:21am

Seconded: by All

Voted in Favor: All present.