

**PLAYING FIELDS TASK FORCE**

**MINUTES**

**May 10, 2019**

**7:45 am at Warren Building**

**Attending:**

Jerry Nigro – Lacrosse, Katie Griffith – NRC, Jeff Wechsler – DPW, Dave Hickey – DPW, Dave Cohen – DPW, Ansley Martin – WUSC, Brian Cullinan – WYF, Jim Miller – Resident, Martha Collins – Resident, Rick Kinney – WLL, Michael D’Ortenzio Jr. - School Committee (Chair), Beth Sullivan Woods – BOS, Laurance Stuntz – Recreation, Kelly Uller – Wellesley Scoops, Ryan Hannable – Primetime Lacrosse, Matt Chin – Recreation

**Approve Minutes from April 12, 2019:**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from 4/12/2019 by Beth Sullivan Woods  
**Seconded:** Ainsley Martin  
**Vote:** All Task Force members in attendance in favor

**Special Event Requirements – Approve Final Application:**

**Motion:** To approve the final document as presented by Ainsley Martin  
**Seconded:** Paul Cramer  
**Vote:** All Task Force members in attendance in favor

**Field Applications:**

Discussion regarding Primetime Lacrosse’s special permit application occurred, relating to fields’ schedules, ability to handle additional use, and the specifics of applicant’s requests:

**Motion:** Conditional approval based on submission of additional documentation, meeting of Recreation Director requirements, and field availability due to High School tournament games by Ansley Martin  
**Seconded:** Jeff Wechsler  
**Vote:** All Task Force members in attendance in favor

**Lights on Playing Fields – Discussion of Study & Appointment of Subcommittee:** Extended discussion regarding Lights Subcommittee charge. Beth Sullivan Woods suggested temporary lights be considered as part of the scope and the group agreed assessing permanent versus temporary ones was implied. John Brown would like to see the language regarding “equity between boys’ and girls’ teams” removed, saying he believed scheduling equity currently exists; the group came up with new language focused on capacity generally. Michael D’Ortenzio offered a few style changes, which the group accepted.

**Motion:** To approve the amended charge to the Lights Subcommittee by Jerry Nigro  
**Seconded:** Rick Kinney  
**Vote:** All Task Force members in attendance in favor

Michael will update the charge as discussed and distribute.

Discussion regarding members to be appointed to the Subcommittee followed:

Jim Miller – Co-Chair, Laurance Stuntz – Co-Chair, Courtney Albin – Athletics, Katie Griffith – NRC, Lisa Wesley – Football, Jerry Nigro – Lacrosse, DPW Representative (TBD, potentially Ellen Korpi), Rob Lally – Abutter, potentially an additional resident/abutter. Finalizing the DPW representative and possible second neighbor to be delegated to the co-chairs.

**Motion:** To accept appointments to the Lights Subcommittee by Laurance Stuntz  
**Seconded:** Ainsley Martin  
**Vote:** All Task Force members in attendance in favor

**AED Next Steps:** Matt Chin will create a working group to look at AED installations at Town fields, parks, and open space.

**Sprague/Hunnewell Fields Trainer Discussion:** Tabled.

**Project Prioritization List:** Tabled.

**Stadium Restroom and Team Room Project:** DPW is finalizing the RFP for the team rooms as previously discussed.

**Practice Wall Project:** Due to FMD concerns, the proposed location has been moved to the grassy area east of the tennis courts. New site plans distributed. The group preferred the initial site behind the Field House for multiple reasons, but was supportive of this site, as well, if it meant moving the project forward.

<b><u>Motion:</u></b>	To accept new site plans as presented for practice wall by Jerry Nigro
<b><u>Seconded:</u></b>	Laurance Stuntz
<b><u>Vote:</u></b>	All Task Force members in attendance in favor

**Hunnewell Field Restrooms:** Project should be started in the fall. Final designs and RFP documents are being worked on.

**Softball Project:** Dave Hickey informed the group that a ZBA hearing is scheduled for June 20. Looking at a fall start. Another DPW working group meeting will be pulled together to discuss further.

**Signage on Baseball/Softball Diamonds:** Tabled.

**Youth Football Scheduling Question:** Brian Cullinan inquired about the Multipurpose Field renovations and what the impact will be to WYF in the fall. DPW will follow-up.

**Earth Networks: Weather Monitoring & Alerting:** Tabled.

**General Fields Discussion:** John Brown noted the great job DPW and the Park & Tree Division did with the post-winter months field preparation. The fields are in great condition.

**Citizens Speak:** None.

<b><u>Motion:</u></b>	To adjourn by Katie Griffith
<b><u>Seconded:</u></b>	Jerry Nigro
<b><u>Vote:</u></b>	All Task Force members in attendance in favor

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 am.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 14th – 7:45 am at the Warren Building.

**Documents and Exhibits Used:** Final version of the Special Event Application, Primetime Lacrosse Special Event application, Practice Wall new design documents, Earth Networks PowerPoint, draft 04/12/2019 minutes