

Recreation Commission, October 4, 2012

RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

Thursday, October 4, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Scituate Community Center

Present at meeting: Chris Roberts-Chairman, David Smith- Commissioner, Jennifer Vitelli- Recreation Director, Erik Richman- Commissioner, Jim Sweeney- Scituate Soccer, Robert McCary- Commissioner, Paul Sharry-Field Coordinator, Jack Gates- Scituate Little League, Chris Comen – SciCoh Football, Shawn Harris-Board of Selectman, Lou-Scituate Lacrosse, Lisa Fenton- CPC, Laura Harbothe- TownPlanner, Bill Blake- Recreation

I.MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Roberts- Chairman of the Recreation Commission called meeting to order at 7:07. Mr. Smith second the motion.

II.COMMISSION PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATION CHANGES TO CPA

Mr. Roberts emphasized that the most important categories under the CPA legislation changes are open space and recreation. He then spoke on the new rehabilitate and restore section under the recreation category. Ms. Fenton spoke about how we can now use general funds and explained how there are conservations restrictions of town owned opened space.

III.COMMISSION PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED PROJECTS

Mr. Roberts spoke on possibly new ramps and equipment for the skate park and how lights would make things much safer and reduce mischievous. Mr. Sharry shared some information about the cameras explaining how the cameras are not infra-red and Mr. Roberts proceeded to talk about the additions to the turf field, including a press box with handicap access and new bathroom facilities. Mr. Sharry spoke with JL Murphy and they are still in the process of putting plans together. Mr. Sharry then spoke on expanding the press box eight feet on both sides with public bathrooms right below on the right. Also, wants to expand the handicap parking and make it more accessible to get in and out. The sewage system was brought up as a possible issue.

Mr. Roberts went on to talk about the West End Trail and said it does not get utilized as it should. There is no central place to see where you are actually going. To help the problem there could be information posted on town websites and other websites, so people can start going out and using these trails. He stressed how it would cost a minimal amount of money to complete but will have a big impact.

Mr. Roberts spoke on how the outdoor basketball courts at Wampatuck, Hatherly, Cushing are somewhat neglected. This is something that will be pretty inexpensive, but the people will definitely take advantage of these courts if they are fixed up. Mr. Sharry asked if the project would include paving and his response was, if need be. Mr. Gates asked if there are any talks about a bubble for any of the courts. Mr. Smith answered that we could be behind that.

Mr. Roberts stated that the Gates School running track is in pretty rough shape. It would be cost friendly and would have a big impact. People could use it as an option to exercise and run.

Mr. Roberts spoke on the observation deck proposal at the Community Building. Some space over the rocks to have lunch and hang out would be great.

Mr. Roberts stated that the Purple Dinosaur playground needs some upgrading. The swings are unsafe and it needs to be more handicap friendly. CORSE is a proposed partner. Mark Anderson could be interested in teaming up for the Driftway Park. Mr. Roberts spoke on a possible creation of a dog park.

Mr. Roberts voiced on how the beaches need restrooms and lifeguard storage. Beach wheelchairs would be nice at all of the beaches and life vest loaner stations. The Scituate Beach Commission would be a partner. Ms. Fenton explained how funds can be used for only construction.

Mr. Roberts expressed how there needs to be work done on Hatherly, Cushing, Jenkins, and Cudworth fields. Making them more safe and presentable. The partners on this would be everybody.

IV.COMMUNITY INPUT TO PROPOSED PROJECTS

Mr. Gates stated that within a year or so we need some larger fields. He spoke about a possible complex that would include baseball, soccer, lacrosse, a track and concessions. The biggest problem would be space. With 20 acres or so we could do a whole lot with fields and parking. This could be a significant revenue generator for the town. It could be used to host tournaments. There can be no indoor complex's just fields on conservation property. This project would need to be 2/3 vote from the town. . Ms. Harbothe went on to say that laws are strict about putting up structure on conservation. Mr. Harris said that the proven grounds are about 50 acres and it is for sale. Ms. Vitelli added, that would be an amazing piece of property for the town. Mr. Sharry shared we will need to get rid of a lot of trees, but the town could give the wood for people to heat homes.

Mr. Richman spoke on the Flannery field. The grading on field is bad with bad soil. The whole thing may need to be blow up. Mr. Roberts said that CPA funding will pay for everything but turf and installation. Ms. Vitelli stated this will be more of a 3-5 year plan.

Mr. Smith spoke upon a possibility to put a splash playground around North Scituate and a possible hockey rink within the next five years. Mr. Gates added a rink on Central Field during the winter would be great.

V.REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION OF COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS

VI.OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

VII.ADJOURNMENT

Chris Roberts motioned to adjourn. Mr. McCrary second the motion. Everyone in favor of adjourn at 8:22 pm.