FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Recreation Commission Meeting, 7:00pm at the ‘Former’ Gates School Building

IN ATTENDANCE: John Henderson Jr, Maggie Hogan, John Henderson Jr. Walter Sullivan, Ronald Carty, Lynne Hayman, Ellen M. , William Baker, CH Snow. Dave Smith, Jennifer McMellen, Jackie Carr, Dan Fennelly, Maura Glancy, Nick Lombardo, Tess Weafer

7:04pm- Meeting called to order by Dave Smith. All in favor

Ms. Hogan is the direct abutter to Scituate playground. Walter Sullivan introduces himself as her attorney. His client understands the playground is not going away and is looking for Recreation to make some changes. Ms. Hogan is thankful for installed arborvitaes, but that is not helping with noise. They would like to see no usage of playground during evening hours. With the zipline there is a safety issue and noise issue. Claims that client did not get notification about the playground installing. They would like gates locked and monitored. Parking enforcement, new signage. Car parking with lights on towards playground shining into house. They’re asking the zip line be eliminated. It has also been noted that there has been damage done to trees.

Ms. Hogan states that one day the bulldozer just showed up and that is how she found out that this playground was happening. She can’t go outside at all, she can hear are screaming children all day/night. She will never be able to have shades or windows open. She cannot go outside anymore because of this. She had lived here 40 years and her life has changed forever. John Henderson Jr. states that the trees were damaged by the drench that was dug up for drainage. There has been a lot of noise. One of his major points was that it couldn’t have been done a lot different if the trees were done first. He has pictures of kids standing on zip lines nad structures later at night unsupervised. CH Snow does andscape cleanup with Ms. Hogan A lot of her life was outside gardening. He says that we may need an acoustic engineering firm to go in there and to do a study on the sound.

Recreation Commission thanks Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Hogan and her fellow peers for coming in, the commission will converse on the situation.

FIELD COORDINATOR REPORT

Ms. Weafer invited the leaders of the youth groups to a meeting to go over Field expectations and rules. Also noted the importance of communication and working together. As long as they work together things will run smoothly. Ms. Carr states that trying to close fields and maintain the tone we set last year was good and we should continue doing this. Ms. Weafer states all permits are due next week. Maura and Tess went to CPC meeting. Gained a little bit more support from CPC. Need a more support from youth groups organizations etc. Mr. Fennelly: Originally the project was $400,000. CPC has not seen the full plan yet. Last night they saw the big numbers. CPC suggested they could help but with smaller amounts. First thing that needs to be done is the designing and engineering. Maura will look to get the figures next week. Mr. Fennelly thinks they will pay for design and engineering. Could consider 1.2 million which includes the design. Extra money from school will not be figured out until July. The whole thing has to be done and CPC needs email of the plan.

Ms. Carr suggests that the back location near Cushing should be looked at for new field space. Mr. Fennelly says that there is still money allocated from CPC for the softball field, which still could be used aty Central Field. Ms Glancy reached out to Art Eddy about the engineering part of the field so we can use for CPC. Mr. Fennelly- this will be on the agenda on March 12 at Library.Ms. McMellen - sub-committee will be ready once the study is complete. Once we have the big picture, everyone is on board.

BUDGET: Ms. Glancy and Mr. Lombardo go through the budget. Mr. Fennelly comments on what does it take to get new field fee implemented. We need to talk, set it, vote on it, then go to board of selectman with a reason why we’re raising. Ms. Carr- weren’t they going to get another person on DPW for fields. Mr. Fennelly thinks we need to get that increase in place and move on it.Looking to put it to $10/person for everyone kids and adults. Ms. Glancy- $11/minimum wage will be implemented this year. Beach sticker revenue discussion takes place

VOTE on Budget. Mr. Smith motions to accept budget. Mr. Fennelly seconds. All in Favor