**Scituate Recreation Commission**

**Location: Jenkins Elementary School**

Monday, September 19th, 2016 7pm

Attendees: Madde Vachon, David Smith, Anne Vegnani, Nick Lombardo Dan Fennelly, Maura Glancy, Gary Meyerson, Tony Vegnani, Jacqueline Carr, Jay Murray

Motion to start the meeting: David Smith

Second: Dan Fennelly

Unanimous acceptance

Motion to accept the minutes from 8/23: Dan Fennelly

Second: Dave Smith

Unanimous acceptance

**Waterways Update – Madde Vachon**

* Harbormaster is hoping to get everyone to re-grid the harbor to re-align the moorings
* If they re-grid the harbor the 420 dock would probably get moved to an area of more boat traffic, not less. They like where they are, it’s a clear run.
* All of our boats are out of the water. The dock is still in. Need to link up with the harbormaster about it. Maura told him she wanted to have it out by October because something in the ocean eats the docks, in shallower water. It’s been damaged in the past when it was left in longer
* Talking to Bob Zimm to finalize order for the 420s for next summer. They’re looking for color for the hull now – we’re going with blue because the Sailors use them too. Madde thinks we can have two colors. It’s mostly for team racing. Anne said high school teams are all trying to go back to blue.
* They have a lot of old sails in poor shape they’re trying to get rid of.
* Maura received a donation of two old spinnakers and will show them to Madde to see if she’s interested in them for the new 420s.

**Field Coordinator Update – Anne Vegnani**

* All the insurance is taken care of, CORIs getting updated, etc.
* Fields have been numbered so we can bill accurately.
* A public Google calendar has been created so you can see what’s going on on every field for the week. Its visibility, not adding/editing.
* Right now on Activenet you can only see what’s available – not what’s going on there.
* She’s trying to meet with high school every other week because of the constant schedule changes. Anne needs to be updated of schedule changes – esp from HS which has field priority.
* The lining of the fields is going fine.
* One issue this week – soccer net was broken on Central Field. Frame was bent and home games had to be cancelled. SSC was pushing it on to the town to fix and repair but it’s not town equipment. High school does use them though. Mr C soccer nets were moved from Jenkins to Central for the SRC youth program. Soccer goals in town are owned by PTOs, SRC, SSC, SYC…everyone shares. Anne’s group doesn’t handle or maintain equipment.
* Maura commented on how much more transparency there is with Anne involved now.

**Skate Park Update – Maura Glancy**

* It’s done! (As far as Maura knows!)
* Maura heard there are some cracks – there is still some funds left to possibly fill it in.
* Dave asked if there was a warranty, Maura said there is, but couldn’t remember the details. Warranty describes the size of cracks they cover.
* Dave asked about one of the ‘wave’ designs that looks like it has a cut out in it. Dave asked if this was intentional or if it’s getting filled in. Suggested to ask Dan Monger about it.
* There are still not trash cans out there. Anthony suggested to put additional ones out there.
* Dan asked if there would be an opening – Maura said once the school construction is done there will be something.

**Playground – Maura Glancy**

* Al, Mike and Maura went to a Planning Board meeting last week – no issues, they want to see final plans. There is a 100-year-flood-zone that is near this but is getting addressed.
* Con Com is tomorrow. There is a brook in the woods near the site.
* After this the landscape designer can go out for bids
* They found out they don’t have to hire an additional engineer – we can have our town engineer look at this.
* Dave asked when ground would break. Maura said they learned through skate park that we should put bids out in the winter as folks are lining up their projects for the spring. Hoping for a March ground-break.

**Director’s Report – Maura Glancy**

* Drama – opened last Monday, filled in 24 hours. Not just drama. Run by Erica McDermott (?) and Kristen Swan (?) – combining a drama and speech class to help with public speaking. They have 5 different skits that get combined into one performance. Currently a waiting list. Final performance at GAR Hall. David Ball really helped with this. We donated $300 for this. Would have had to pay a custodial fee if it were at Jenkins, which is about the same.
* Fall programs are great – only one class had to be cancelled. (It was a new program – total fitness.) Numbers are all very good in the other programs.
* Winter – already put in permits for Little Shooters (K-1 basketball)
* Trying to add new things: knitting, photography, painting, etc.
* We could look to hold more at the high school once the performing arts center is completed. We would not bring a company theater in – our PAC is for the high school and the town.
* Jacqueline asked when the group would start talking about summer camp and suggested hours for dual-working-parents

**CPC Update – Dan Fennelly**

* Held an abutters meeting. Good suggestions came out of it. One person was not in favor of having the parking lot there. One suggestion was to take the lot out of the trees and putting it in grassy area. They are looking at that now.
* Laura Harbottle asked them to do an engineering study before they go to Planning Board but TA said it wasn’t necessary. An engineer is doing an informal study to look at parking in left field or look to see if current parking can be enlarged. Dave asked if this was a paid study. It is not. The dog park project is having an engineer look at it but this is being paid out of a private fund.
* Meeting with Taylor Billings on Wednesday to review the field traffic on entrance/exit perspective.
* Looking for spring town meeting approval.
* Dan is concerned with putting enough spaces in the front parking lot and possibly encroaching on the space where parents/kids stand.
* Generally abutters liked the idea, concerns around taking down trees. Police also want the parking lot visible.

**Central Field Project – David Smith**

* Reviewed report and plans from engineer
* Drainage isn’t great. South field is better.
* They did pits and found out the soil is pretty good.
* Current fields have poor drainage and infields are not up to current standards. (They are too big.)
* Engineer gave us 3 options to review
  + Option 1 - Leaving back stops, shrinking fields, fixing grading, includes benches, no dug outs, new pitching mounds, new drainage
    - $123,778 estimate for both fields
  + Option 2 – take out fences and backstops, move the infields out to give more room around home plate, where drainage issues are, outfields would be almost the same, new infield mix, new pitching mound, new drainage. Soccer field pitch would be the same. Gary said the quick-connects need to be included. Dave said they’d add to contingency. This is the engineer’s recommendation.
    - $178,154k estimate for both fields
    - Also need a private engineer for 3 weeks ~$7k
    - Dugout shading, $16k/field
    - $217,554 with everything
  + Option 3 – keeping backstops and moving infield out
    - $123,416 estimate
* Anthony asked about past field project that had a lower cost, but Dan confirmed it was very different. Anthony asked if turf could be used. Gary said it is legal. Gravel dust can also be used but everyone hates it.
* Gary asked that we be sure the base anchors be called out in the plans – all 3 needed. Dave said the plans just say anchors.
* $139k was approved by CPC several years ago – but with all the changes in the fields. Had to hire a private designer for these plans. We’ll have to go back for an additional $129k to CPC.
* These fields do not solve the Title IV issue at the high school
* Original CPC grant was for fields and pavilion. Cost estimates on pavilion are wide. Dave shared some pictures of kits – materials could be as low as $88k.
* Gary asked if removable outfield fences are included in this and Dave said they are not. Gary said this is an issue and the South Field carries high traffic during soccer.
* Dave will pull together all of the numbers, including the pavilion and have another rec meeting before Oct 1

**Field Use Subcommittee – Gary Meyerson and Jacqueline Carr**

* Looked at available space in town and numbers with all of the sports
* If we want to build a complex the land behind the library makes the most sense. Complex (multi-use, multi-field) would include Central Fields, Cudworth, Gates, etc.
* Next sizable space is land swap has a lot of potential issues with abutters, wetlands
* There are some small lots available in town that only 1 field could be placed on
* Subcommittee wants Rec to suggest to board to ear-mark the land behind library for a complex.
* Looks like no wetlands per FEMA Mapping online – more analysis needs to be done. Gary has walked through. The land is generally all upland.
* Information from subcommittee was derived from a survey on what people needed and how many players in each sport that uses fields for sports.
* Rec needs to take the recommendation from the Field Study to build a complex and Rec needs to put together the plan/story to put in front of the Selectmen and make a plan that is palatable to the town re data, support, needs and funding options.
  + Suggest immediate term, short term, and long term plan to Selectmen, outline needs, outline benefits

Motion to end meeting – Dave Smith

Second – Jacqueline Carr

Unanimous

9:10pm