

Hollis Recreation Commission

June 5, 2019

Commission Attendees: Russ Rogers, Jake Balfour, Brian Bumpus, Riley O'Brien, Jason Bridgeo

Guests: Paul Miller, Joe Garruba, Lori Radke

Motion made by Russ Rogers to accept minutes of May meeting. Seconded by Jake Balfour, passed.

Discussion about Old Runnels Bridge Road:

No open land for kids who will move in

Rec area must be set aside for kids (according to ordinance)

Doesn't appear to be enough areas for kids

The plan doesn't define what the actual set aside is.

This has been brought to the planning board before.

Because chair (Dave Belanger) was not present, it was agreed that the issue would be discussed with Dave before the next meeting, and then brought up in the meeting if he thinks we should address it.

Paul Miller asked if we have proven the need for another rec field, because the data hasn't been presented on this yet. He also asked if any fields can be upgraded.

The general answer is no to upgrading fields, but we don't know where the data is.

Jake stated that it is hard to do an extensive study on a short budget.

Paul also asked if Brookline could build another field, or if this has been discussed already.

It was stated and agreed that Hollis would not be able to depend on that field, so the impact of that would not be known right away. It was also stated and agreed upon that many Hollis persons would not want to drive to Brookline for sports.

Paul asked how would the new turf field would impact the need for a field in Hollis.

Jake and Russ stated that we can't wait for years to determine the impact.

Brian Bumpus stated that, by the time we have reconditioned a field, we will have outgrown that field, at the existing pace of field needs. Reconditioning would take one year, at least, and the impact of the turf field won't be felt for another 3 years.

Paul explained that he was asking these questions because all of these questions are likely to come up before the town will approve another field acquisition.

Brian stated that Dave is going to the selectmen to ask for \$9k to do a hydrogeologic study for field viability.

Lori Radke asked if we had a plan for this.

Brian stated we are looking at a plan for Stefanowicz, and that we don't have a plan for DPW yet.

Joe stated that he assumed the \$9k is for digging to sample, but if the well actually goes in, the \$9k should be returned or go toward the price of the well, since some of the digging will be done already.

Lori asked what percentage of the \$9k will go to each field? 60/40 for DPW/Stefanowicz?

Brian stated we are definitely leaning to DPW, now that the high school property is out.

Lori asked if we are doing anything about the trees on the berm next to Hardy, since many of the trees are dying or dead.

Brian said we have a contractor named Travis looking into building it up and planting new trees.

Brian said that there are many requests for birthday parties on the fields. Can we use the one-time use form for this, and include a waiver in it?

Jake said he would update the waiver, and it was agreed that \$20/day is a reasonable request.

Riley was promoted to Regular member, because she is next in line and Stephanie has stepped down.

There is an Alternate position now available.

Brian: Tentatively, we will meet again on July 10th.

Jake motioned to adjourn. Russ seconded. Meeting adjourned.