Falmouth Recreation Committee Meeting CORRECTED MINUTES  
April 10, 2019  
Gus Canty Community Center  
790 Main Street Falmouth Ma. 02540

Present: Bob Brown, Sandy Cuny, Richard Boles, Michael Heylin, Scott Ghelfi

Absent: Lori Dillon, Tom Zine

At 7:07 Bob Brown called the meeting to order.

**Update on any Town plans to create and fund proper accessible accommodations for disabled persons and wheelchairs at Upper Trotting Park Fields to enter and exit and use rest rooms:**

Joe reported that there have been no conversations regarding accessible rest rooms. A ramp near the skate park for increased accessibility is being planned. He noted that there will be an access path between the fields.

Bob Brown noted that some towns provide a golf cart for those with mobility issues to access the fields.

**Report from “temporary working group” representatives regarding Fuller Field Ray Paltz Concession – Ticket Booth Building. Vote Committee recommendations to representative to advocate Committee position:**

Sandy Cuny reported that Building Inspector Rod Palmer found the building to be sound. However, if any renovation work is done then the whole building would need to be brought up to code; this would be costly. The town has committed to run the sewer line to the grass area. No decision was made about a recommendation.

The press box at the high school will be named in honor of Ray Paltz.

**Update and ideas for present and future Recreation Department grant applications, staffing and new programs to meet the accessible recreational needs of children, youth, adults and seniors:**

Joe noted that he had some funds in the Capital Improvement budget that could be used. He urged committee members to send ideas for use of this to him.

Bob Brown had some questions for Joe:

- **Regarding staffing, can you open earlier in the day with the present staffing?** Joe said this could not be done on a regular basis. It is likely pickleball players and others would be interested in using the building if it were opened earlier.
- **Regarding staffing, can you stay open later with the present staffing?** Joe said this could not be done on a regular basis. The demand is there for more basketball, soccer and other programs and leagues if the building was open latter.
- **Could the building be opened more hours on the weekends if there was more staff?** Joe thought that the community would be interested in increased availability and programming on the weekends.
- **If there was more staff could new and expanded recreation opportunities be developed for children, adults and seniors?** Joe noted that for children there could be Saturday Night Movies, spring soccer, whiffle ball, photography and other non-recreation activities. Lego Grants and disc golf grants could be applied for. For adults more staff could mean...
more volleyball, basketball and leagues. For seniors, programs such as Walk and Talk could be reinstated.

Continue discussion from prior meetings and new information reports on the following matters:

a. Upper Trotting Park and Sandwich Road Field Rehabilitation and Maintenance: Joe reported that a drain installed at the bottom of the hill seems to have improved drainage. Other drainage work is planned. The next field will be done by May. The skate park work has been authorized.

b. 2019 Spring and Fall Field Use Schedules due to high demand and poor field conditions at two of the three Upper Trotting Park Fields: Joe reported that the 2 fields in bad condition were aerated and top seeded today. Jerimiah Pearson reported that the mow crews will have a check list for each field they visit. This will include items such as replacing divots.

Bob Brown asked Joe if the public has been respecting the no play on fields when wet rules. Joe said he checks about once a week as time allows but there is not enough staff to monitor further.

c. Discuss Community Preservation (CP) Recreation Department Representative Position and vacancy on July 1, 2019 and recent CP Town Meeting Articles: Sandy Cuny reported that all 5 recreation articles passed town meeting-Coonamessett River trail, Lawrence School tennis and pickleball courts, playground design study and Highfield ADA path. Bob Brown noted that both Michael Heylin’s and his terms are up on June 30. Bob Brown is uncertain if he will reapply to the CPC.

d. Committee discussion and vote the time and date for annual June 2019 field tour which will be posted as an Open Meeting. Discuss how community can be involved for input and recommendations to Board of Select: Wednesday, June 12 at 4:00 was settled on for the tour. Joe will compile a list of the fields to be visited.

Discussion regarding the Falmouth Committee Pot Luck Social Invitation and Food and Paper Product Assignment (Falmouth Yacht Club, 290 Clinton Avenue, Falmouth, MA) Recreation Department Budget, interesting Emails, Letters and Building Use:

Budget reviewed and assignments given for pot luck.

Review and Vote Committee Minutes of March 13, 2019:
Scott Ghelfi moved to accept. Sandy Cuny seconded. All in favor except Michael Heylin and Richard Boles abstained; motion passed.

Items for future agenda:
5’ width of fencing adjacent to police lot, Shriverick’s Pond, update on grants, staffing

At 8:31 Scott Ghelfi moved to adjourn. Michael Heylin seconded.

Relevant Documents

Agenda for 4/10/19 meeting, Budget Expense Report, 3:13 minutes