

Grantham Recreation Park Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20th, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Grantham Town Building
Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room
300 Route 10 South

Meeting began at 6 p.m. and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marsha Googins, Warren Kimball, Missy Walla, Becky Newton, Todd Cartier, Jeff Walla, Keith Pfeifer, Jeremy Walla

Approval of Minutes from September 15th

Appearances: SAU #75 Superintendent Keith Pfeifer and School Board Chair, Jeff Walla inquired of future use by Athletic Dept of ball field at GVS and what could be the minimum field depth for youth baseball. The school districts intent is to complete the bond for developing proper irrigation and field elevation. Expansion of the playground is necessary to accommodate the growth of the school. The Recreation Park Committee's response is that the school ball field could be reduced in depth between 150-175 feet from home plate. It currently is measured at about 200 + feet. The hopes of continued use of this field for youth baseball for T-ball and Rookie ball can still be realized along with using it for 10U softball. This would continue to also support the recreational needs of the Athletic Department.

Old/Recurrent Business:

- Pavilion Raffle: Missy Walla, Marsha Googins shared that the raffle has produced interest and some tickets have been sold. Dates have been established to sell these tickets at various venues around town until December 14th. Designs ideas of the pavilion were discussed and the needs of both the park, OUR TOWN Activities and the Athletic Department centered on a concession, restrooms, and most importantly, storage.
- Field Maintenance: Todd Cartier offered suggestions on fertilizer which has been purchased and Glenn Carey will spread after the soccer season ends on October 29th. Dethatching and aerating should be done in the spring.

New Business:

- Facility Insurance: This topic was brought up by Marsha Googins to verify that the town has insurance on the park and how it may impact the fees paid for baseball and Cal Ripken Organization. This will be a possible budget reduction if this insurance is acceptable to the league.
- The dugout trim was completed by Mt. Cardigan students at the new ball field on October 20th. What a great support group!
- Dugout doors will need some maintenance due to severe warping. Thought to be because not being stained but the rainy season we have had has contributed to this issue. Glen Carey will assess and fix in the spring.

Fall News at the Park:

- Soccer season is nearly complete.
- Soccer goals will need to be stored for the winter and will be chained to the first base fence.
- Concerns shared over future support of lining of soccer fields. A lining kit could be available to put in place this fall and will be ready to line the following season. This would alleviate the extensive measuring each year to establish the new fields.

Verbal Kudos:

- Administrative Assistant, Melissa White shared that Lebanon teams were very impressed with the soccer fields created this year.

Park Development:

- Permitting status: Becky Newton shared that this should be complete by the end of November and that plans should move forward in the spring for the next phase of the soccer field development.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on November 17th at 6 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney room, Grantham Town Hall.

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