

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee

Meeting May 10, 2017 6:30pm

Conference Room Town Hall

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Chairman, Stephan McDonough, Vice Chairman

Maura Campbell, Co-Secretary

Steve Sylvester, James Sarno, Therese DiBlasi, Jack Bracciotti, Cathy Richardson

Aldo Ursino, Steve Angelo, Recreation Director

Absent: David Goodberg, Cynthia Hemenway, Co-Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:28pm

Minutes from March 8th meeting are approved unanimously with the end time noted as 8:05pm.

- 1) Golf Course Report, Sterling Management is happy to hear that the sprinkler system has been approved and is looking forward to getting started on the project in August 2017.
- 2) MAPC - Steve Angelo toured all our facilities as part of checking for Handicap Accessibility. It was a very intensive evaluation.
Recreation Park – was pretty good. A lot of Playgrounds are not accessible. Arena is accessible, Restrooms may need some work or may be grandfathered.
This is part of the Open Space Plan. Once done we can apply for grants if necessary.
- 3) Recreation Report – Steve Angelo, Recreation Director
Steve will be doing a number of community events. He will be at the Farmers Market on June 8 & 15, running activities for children. He could use help with High School Students Volunteering. One league complained about fines for not showing up – explained loss of revenue from no shows.

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4) Arena - Jack Bracciotti

Jack has been meeting with Lou Chuilli. Lou that there will be another increase in ice time hourly charges next year. Jack is going to get the schedule from last year so we can review if there is some time that would be able to get more use out of rink.

Over the years money has been taken from revenue at the rink, but not put back in for anticipated capital improvements.

Questioning whether the Arena has gotten the new Software. This has been the issue in not being able to keep track of revenue.

We discussed options and recommendations.

Discussed whether it would be beneficial to have an ATM machine at Rink, recommendation is that credit cards be accepted at Rink. This would prevent money changing hands and not being secured.

Dennis has met with Tom Younger to discuss issues at the Rink.

7) Dog Park – Maura Campbell, Steve Sylvester & Dennis Visconti spearheading the Dog Park Plan. On hold until we have some Town Land dedicated to this use.

Tom Younger has the map and is studying it. If we go for a Stanton Foundation Grant the Town would have to supply 10% of the Engineering design and the Park itself. We would need to be a 501 3C, and a Town employee would need to be the contact person. Steve Angelo has stated he would be willing and has experience working with 501 3c programs. Land has to be appropriated, Tom Younger would do the negotiations.

8) Open Space Plan - Steven McDonough, Steve reports that the Legwork has been done. The reports are not ready from the Surveys yet, the survey is now closed. Erin Wortman and MAPC have been working together.

MAPC is evaluating fields as stated above in Steve Angelo's report. There will be a review meeting at the end of May. July 1st, 2017 is the deadline for preliminary plan. When that is submitted we can apply for grants but can not receive payment on them until after the Plan is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm