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Recreation Commission Minutes 04/28/2008

Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes
Monday, April 28, 2008
Approved

The Park and Recreation Commission came to order at 6:00 PM on the first floor of the Arlington Senior Center on Monday, April 28, 2008.

Members in attendance included: Leslie Mayer, Nancy Campbell and Jen Rothenberg. Also in attendance was Director of Recreation Joseph Connelly.

Members of the public included Justine Bloche, Chuck Carney and David Hajian.

Special Event Approval

Arlington Creative Head Start – Robbins Farm -6/5 – 5:30 – 7:30

Must remove own trash

Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 3-0.

American Alarm- North Union – 6/8 – 1 – 4 PM

Must remove own trash

Grilling permit from Fire Dept.

Grill on Spray Pool area only

No alcohol

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Campbell and approved 3-0.

McHugh – Graduation Party – Robbins Farm – 6/7 – 4 PM

The Commission discussed their concerns. Ms. Mayer stated that she was worried how you would limit the number to the 130 persons identified. Ms. Rothenberg would like to see more detailed information. Mr. Connelly will contact Mrs. McHugh with regards to more information.

Great Expectations Pre-school – Summer Street – 6/13 – 12:30 – 2 PM

Must remove own trash

Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 3-0.

Ottoson 6th Grade – Spy Pond – 6/16 – 10:30 – 1:30 PM

Must remove own trash

Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Rothenberg and approved 3-0.

Capital Improvement Review:

Pheasant Ave: Mr. Connelly stated that the contracts were in the process of being signed and that he had met the contractor on site for a preliminary site meeting.

Buzzell Field: Mr. Connelly stated that the project was back on track and that Heimlich Landscaping would be finishing final grade soon. Mr. Connelly stated that the project could be completed by the end of May.

Thorndike Parking Lot: Mr. Connelly and Ms. Mayer reviewed their meeting with TAC stating the both TAC and Larson Associates were developing plans to present at a second public meeting to be held in May. Mr. Connelly stated that he had met with two abutters and was soliciting feedback. Mr. Connelly stated that he has not yet received the two options from Warner-Larson Associates.

Menotomy Rocks Park – Mr. Connelly stated Grand Re-Opening Ceremony would be Saturday, May 10th at 1 PM rain or shine.

Other

The Commission asked Mr. Connelly to cancel the posted May meeting and reschedule for Wednesday, May 21st at 6:30 PM. This was due to the Town Meeting schedule.

Poets Corner Batting Cages – The Commission discussed the recent activity with the Poets Corner Batting Cages. The Commission asked Mr. Connelly to invite youth baseball to the May meeting to discuss their use.

Bishop School Signage – Mr. Connelly and Ms. Mayer reviewed the situation with abutters from Bishop field and baseballs going into their yards. Mr. Connelly and Ms. Mayer suggested some signage on the fence stating the following:

ALL HARD BALL PLAYING
RESTRICTED TO DIAMOND
PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE
OF NEIGHBORS
NO HITTING BALLS TOWARD
STREET, HOUSES OR SCHOOL
PER ORDER

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Ms. Mayer also suggested a green temporary fence in the outfield to give the youth a target for their baseball play. Mr. Connelly will work with Mr. Dodge on setting up the fence.

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to approve the sign language and the temporary fence. Motion was seconded by Ms. Campbell and approved 3-0.

Bishop School Phase II

Ms. Bloch reviewed the phases once again for the Commission. Mr. Connelly stated that the four outstanding elements were:

1. Discussion with the Disability Commission with regard to the brick patio.
2. Ms. Bloch will look into moving the kiosk further away from the basketball court if possible.
3. Ms. Bloch to establish the type of paint to be used on the court surfacing.
4. Ms. Bloch to prepare a site furnishing plan and priority list.

Ms. Bloch stated that the kiosk would be moved back another 5' from the basketball court and the opening in the middle would be secured. Ms. Bloch presented the Commission with the Site Furnishing Plan. Ms. Bloch stated that the color coating paint was latex based.

Ms. Rothenberg asked who was pouring the concrete pads for the furnishings. Ms. Bloch stated that BIP would be doing the concrete pouring. Ms. Bloch reviewed the latest time line with the Commission.

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to approve the Bishop School Phase II as presented. Seconded by Ms. Campbell and approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted:

Joseph Connelly, Director of Recreation