

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting February 7, 2017

Attendance: Les Squires, Linda Leduc, Peg Louraine, Megan Manitsas, Wilbur Quirk, Jim Natle

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

- Community Guests: Linda Racicot and Kyle Thibeault

Recreation Director Kyle Thibeault was in attendance to answer questions regarding applications.

Goal Posts

Goal posts located at Chestnut Hill Community School are deteriorating. This would be considered a rehabilitation of a permanent installation. Could be considered a capital improvement. There is a safety concern as they have fallen in the past and have been repaired, but the integrity of the structure has been compromised.

New goal posts would look like the ones currently at the High school.

Some of the new programs that could be included in using these posts are: Fundraisers, extra field for the high school, could alleviate problems when front of State School Property becomes unavailable.

Time line for this project would be by the end of summer 2017

Track around Chestnut Hill Field

The track as it is now poses a safety hazard. The track is uneven in many places and some of the metal edging is exposed making it a profound tripping hazard.

Cost share for this project is \$450.00 this money will come directly from Recreation department funds. There is also labor that will be included by the DPW. This has value to the in kind portion of the project as well.

The Recreation Department will be committed to providing either annual or semiannual maintenance depending upon the wear of the track. This would ultimately save money, because it would be coordinated with other work being done by DPW and replacement materials would be kept to a manageable cost.

Time line for this project would be by the end of summer 2017

Fence at Cronk Field

The quote provided for this project was for more work than the scope of the project requested. The company provided many options. But the ones marked by a check would be the items the Recreation Department are looking to fund.

There are many holes in the fence. It is also a safety hazard and is becoming an attractive nuisance as some children utilizing the field for recess are climbing through the holes.

Timeline for this project would be end of summer 2017

Dugouts

There are in fact 2 applications for dugouts. There is one marked #7 by the CPC and it is for the dugouts at Cronk field. There is another marked #7a by CPC and it is for the front ball field at Chestnut Hill Community School.

The dugouts are in need of repair. The fences are curling under making for a tripping hazard. There is only 1 point of egress causing potential safety concerns as well. Some of the links in the fence have become pointed and are a danger for those utilizing the dugouts.

The dugouts would be constructed by DPW. There were inquiries made to private construction companies but the quotes for the projects made it cost prohibitive. Volunteer groups who utilize the fields cannot be used to construct the dugouts as stated by the Recreation Director.

Timeline for this project would be end of summer 2017

Scoreboard at Chestnut Hill Field

The scoreboard is currently in working order albeit not well. It is difficult to see and it draws large amounts of energy when it is utilized. It was installed approximately 30 years ago and is running at the end of its usefulness.

There were some questions regarding fees to utilize the scoreboard, but there are fees to utilize almost every facility the Recreation Department oversees.

There were also some questions regarding the range of accessibility to the community.

The quotes for this project are very different. The lesser of the two quotes is because it does not include replacing the I beams that already exist.

Electrical work to the scoreboard is not included in the quotes as well, because there needs to be a licensed electrician to do that work.

The discussion for this project was tabled for when all 9 members will be present.

Everett Acres

Jim was informed that the CPC cannot borrow and bond for this project because it is not a town owned property.

Mader Property Application

Even though it is a late application, as per our own wording on the front cover of the application, "Unless an applicant can demonstrate that a significant opportunity would otherwise be lost," applications are due by the designated date. LeAnn has demonstrated that this is an opportunity that could be lost.

Money for this year

This needs to be reviewed and calculated further at our next meeting, but as it looks we have approximately 460,000.00 (this is not an exact figure) before debt service in unreserved funds.

Ultimately, we may have approximately 260,000.00 (this too is not an exact figure) for this coming round of applications. These figures will be reviewed and verified for our next meeting.

We will discuss Tri Lakes and Historical Tax records applications for next meeting on February 21.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 Moved by Leduc, 2nd by Louraine approved 6-0-0.

