

Approved

PARK DEPT. MINUTES

2-11-10

Attendees: Don Black, Jon Strauss, David Howes

Guests:

Reading of the minutes of January 13, 2010 was waived.

Bills paid:

GELD

BBall Court	\$ 6.75
5 Commons	\$ 32.50
Stonebridge Field	\$ 11.60
Cutler	\$ 6.75
Wheeler Park	\$ 6.75
CowPond (parking lot)	\$ 12.00
CowPond (soccer)	\$ 18.75
CowPond (Football)	\$ 6.75
Sawyer Common	\$ 6.50
Sawtell	\$ 6.75

Verizon	\$ 7.78
Moisons	\$ 79.68

Karen Tuomi 4 hours

New Business:

Millstone Field proposal – Don gave an update on the proposal for this field area off of Cowpond. It would be turned over the Parks complete with grass, fence and parking. Four fields would be made. Don said that the question would be how are we going to pay for this. CPC funds, grants, etc. Football, soccer, lacrosse , baseball ask them for a \$50k pledge paid out over a ten year period. \$675k is the purchase price minus the CPC funds (\$200k) minus this pledge of \$200k would leave approximately \$275k. Trust for Public Lands is a private organization that could pay up front and then we would pay them back.

\$190k of unallocated funds so the CPC has this at their discretion and this is potentially available in addition to the original \$200k.

Question for Rick Hughson would be “what is the best way for us to proceed with this proposal?”

Jon will work this through with Rick and report at the March meeting.

Field Use Requests:

Youth Lacrosse – Stonebridge April 1st – June 30th weekdays 5-8pm weekends 11am-6pm;

Football field at Cowpond – April 1st – June 30th Sundays, 1 Weekday night, Saturdays

Dave would like to postpone this vote until next month when we get baseball's request . All approvals for Stonebridge will be with the stipulation that parking rules be followed.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

Field of Dreams – lighting specs will be going out to bid next month also the bid for fencing.

Sewer system at Cutler. Black got a notice from Chris Miller that they want to do 8 test holes on February 18th.

July 5th will be the date of the fireworks display.

Massapoag came in with an appraisal of \$1m. Lowell YMCA will purchase at \$1.2m. We can buy a conservation restriction for the fields later.

Any article for Town Meeting must be done by February 25th. This would be the naming and dedicating town parks/commons. Black will work with Michelle Collette on this.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53pm Next meeting March 10