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Recreation Committee Meeting September 23, 2019

Recreation Committee Members Amy Harrington, Bonne Masseo and Recreation Director Chuck Bordino present. Committee Member Toni Hokanson absent. Meeting commenced at 6:30pm at the Field of Dreams Park.

Committee Members and Director Bordino toured the new soccer fields being built as well as The recently completed Concession addition to the Maintenance Building.

Watering the new aforementioned fields was discussed and a water wheel was deemed a viable option. The current water spigot near the fields may be able to supply the water source. The Director will look in to this option and contact the project engineer and Highway Superintendent. The field will be ready for seeding in the next week or two.

The group also discussed the open field to the north of the soccer fields' area for an additional Lacrosse/Soccer Field. The local youth lacrosse organization had expressed interest in a lacrosse field at this location but they are presently not ready to pursue the project. Bordino raised the point of limited space due to the expansion of the parking lot adjacent to the soccer fields, a north field project may now encroach the future leech field of bathrooms and concession waste water.

Discussion on the Recreation Survey entailed one last round of reaching out to those youth and adult sports/Arts Organizations that have not responded to the said survey. Bordino requested that each Committee Member again reach out to their designated contact organization to submit a survey. The five year Recreation Plan will be written with close observance of each survey.

Any changes to the recreation rate structure will be discussed during the October meeting, the 2020 budget request was submitted by Director Bordino and is budget neutral.

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The Fall scheduling at the Community Center has been established and the Youth Soccer Season has begun at the Field of Dreams Park. Recreation Volleyball also continues at the park and there is limited youth baseball activity at Clearwater Park.

Committee Member Masseo has initiated discussion on a possible indoor sports complex at the Field of Dreams Park, this potential project will be further discussed at the next meeting in more detail. Committee member Hokanson will be discussing her meeting with the Agricultural Society regarding the possibility of building an Amphitheater that would border the Field of Dreams Park and the County Fairgrounds, the area entails the land just east of the new soccer fields. This matter will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Director Bordino would further like to table the old Town Hall property and the potential for this site to become parkland at the next meeting.

Bordino would like to complete the five year plan by year's end.

Meeting adjourned, 7:15pm

Submitted by Chuck Bordino Director of Parks and Recreation