

Plympton Recreation Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes: Monday, March 20, 2023

Meeting Attended By: Jeff Haas, Mark Reilly, and Angelo Boccalini

Call to order at 6:30pm, meeting took place in the 1707 Room in the Town Hall

Minutes from February's meeting were approved.

New Business:

Report from Angelo and Mark's meeting with the Town Properties Committee, which was also attended by John Traynor. A detailed list of projects on the Wish Lists provided by the Rec Comm and PAYS was reviewed. Those present were in favor of updating the fields and facilities as listed with priorities to get things up to expected conditions and to start working on HJP to prepare for the fall soccer season. John Wilhelmson of the TPC suggested writing an Article to be included at the May Twon Meeting asking for \$25,000 to update the fields and facilities as determined by the Rec Commission. John stated he would write the Article.

Town Administrator Liz Dennehy has also informed the Rec Comm that there is \$25,000 set aside from a state grant for use to maintain and upgrade the recreational fields in town. The day following the meeting Ms. Dennehy approved using these funds to get moving on items discussed at the TPC with the anticipation of using funds voting on at the next Town Meeting to repopulate the account for field maintenance.

Mark and Angelo also reported on their meeting with the Tree Warden, Bill Hayes, on Sunday, March 19th at Holt to discuss thinning the trees around the field. Bill spray painted all the trees approved to remove and also approved removing the cherry tree at the edge of the bullpen that is encroaching on the bullpen. Further it was recommended to bushwack/mow all the saplings and brush back to both stonewalls behind the dugouts back to the stone walls. Bill also recommended spraying "Round Up" in the fall by a certified person (Bill is certified and is willing to do it) to kill the woody saplings rom growing back.

The approved list from the TPC was reviewed and allocated.

To Do/Completed Tasks:

The estimate for repairing the dugouts at Holt were reviewed and determined to have JBS Roofing perform the work as soon as they can.

Mark and Angelo will call 2 or 3 places to get estimates for the tree work at Holt.

Angelo and Jeff will review estimates and options for sheds at Holt and at Dennett (Jeff will inspect the Holt shed to see if it is salvageable).

Mark will meet with Rob Firlotte at the Highway Dept to discuss using the town highway mower to cut back the brush at Holt.

Mark will oversee repairs to the backstop of the small field at Holt, if it is determined to do so once the town determines the location of the new well and septic system. The repairs may not occur if the field is to be disturbed for the new well and septic (work will commence at the conclusion of the spring baseball season); rather the field will be reconfigured to remove the frost

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heave issues by moving home plate area to left field allowing the field dimensions to remain very similar.

Angelo is looking into the open dugouts that are at Sacred Heart to see if they can be used at Dennett and Holt small field as SHHS is no longer in existence.

Jeff will be the contact person for the landscape work at HJP and Dennett soccer fields. Information and estimates are currently in process. The plan is to get to work on HJP in mid-April and then start on Dennett fields in June once soccer and softball seasons conclude.

Erik will contact the Town Electrical Inspector to discuss getting a contractor to place conduit and wire the Snack Shack (and new shed) at Dennett.

Katrina will oversee the entrance to HJP by refurbishing the sign at the entrance and possible adding signs on the street to be viewed as cars approach the Park. A porta potty will not be necessary at HJP until the fields are determined open to play this fall.

Proposed Projects:

As listed above. The vision of the Rec Comm is to move forward with as many projects as possible (limited by \$25,000) utilizing town services and donated materials where possible.

Baseball/Softball Opening Day is April 23rd. We anticipate some visual improvements at Holt by that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm, next meeting scheduled in April/May TBD