

TOWN OF WAYLAND
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
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Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778
Large Hearing Room

Present Commissioners: Asa Foster, Co-Chair; Brud Wright, Co-Chair; Kelly Pierce;
David Pearlman;

Recreation: K. Brenna, Director

Absent Christopher Fay

Guests None.

7:15 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Asa Foster calls meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and, announced the meeting was not likely broadcast on television by WayCAM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment, K. Sanicki indicated she would return to the meeting later to discuss the playground topic.

ATTEND BOS MEETING FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING LOKER (7:25 pm – 7:50 pm)

B. Wright, at 7:20 pm, called the agenda item to relocate to the Board of Selectmen Room to discuss the Loker Project with the BoS.

C. Karlson invited Brud Wright and Asa Foster, co-chairs of the Recreation Commission, to join the discussion. C. Karlson asked B. Wright and A. Foster if there was anything new and different about the article from last time the Board discussed the project in early December. B. Wright reported that the Recreation Commission had completed the research and made the decision to use artificial turf with the specifications that no PFAS are present in the turf fibers, and also to use a virgin crumb rubber infill in the project. B. Wright added that since December, the Recreation Commission also had met with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after several continuances, and the ZBA planned to contact L. Miller and/or Town Counsel for advice. B. Wright indicated the ZBA referenced a letter written by Dan Hill of the Planning Board that was not vetted, which is an issue that needed to be addressed. B. Wright requested to receive answers from the LSP conducting the environmental file review. C. Karlson shared that on Monday, February 10, 2020 the LSP hired to conduct the file review would attend the Board of Selectmen meeting to answer some of the outstanding questions.

A. Foster mentioned the need for a public forum, which was first suggested by M. Antes, potentially sponsored by the Board, and suggested a date of Wednesday, March 18, 2020. B. Wright suggested core members of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee, LeftField, Inc., Weston & Sampson, who designed the project, the Town Project Manager, and the contractor. M. Antes voiced her concern about how this project fits into other field plans, and that the League of Women Voters issues meeting is scheduled the next night. T. Fay agreed that a public forum would be helpful.

D. Levine stated he respected the Recreation Commission's perseverance on the project over many years. He noted the article submitted is an identical article, and understood the Commissioners' point that they felt they brought the best article in 2019, and therefore would bring it back again in 2020. It was a close vote at last Town Meeting. He stated as a duly-elected board the Recreation Commission has the right to bring an identical article to Town meeting, and the Board of Selectmen also has the right to vote to insert articles. D. Levine felt that, because the vote was so close at last Town Meeting, the project deserved a second chance at Town Meeting; but it may not be appropriate, if the project failed in 2020, for the Board to insert it a third time.

B. Wright requested a follow up to the letter that Doug Harris had written to the Town regarding Native American history on the site. L. Miller reported that this would be written into the bid documents. C. Karlson asked about the project cost of \$3.4M. B. Wright answered that the project cost estimates had been reviewed and included escalation. L. Miller requested a letter from the PMBC regarding the project costs.

C. Karlson shared a written public comment from K. Sanicki, a request to consider alternative infills. A. Foster stated the Recreation Commission looked at the alternative infills that were requested. C. Karlson reported that she received public comment from J. Sax with questions and concerns about the project; the questions would be shared with the LSP at the Feb. 10 meeting.

There was a discussion about the mechanics of a public forum, including questions regarding who would host and moderate the forum. M. Antes felt the forum should not be hosted by the Recreation Commission to maintain neutrality. L. Miller will re-write the article paragraph b) under financing section. D. Levine asked if the project had re-filed an NOI with the Conservation Commission. B. Wright answered that they had not, but planned to file.

At, 7:51 p.m. the Recreation Commission relocated back to Large Hearing Room

7:55 PM DISCUSS LOKER PROJECT

There was a discussion regarding next steps for Loker, and the mechanics of the public forum. B. Wright updated the Commission on the Jan. 24 certification of North Pond as a vernal pool. K. Brenna updated the commission on the intent to file a third NOI with the Conservation Commission ahead of town meeting. B. Wright asked K. Brenna to set up a meeting at the Loker vernal pool with Linda Hansen, Conservation Administrator and Conservation Commission chairmen, Sean Far.

B. Wright asked for an update on the response to the Doug Harris Letter regarding the avoidance areas. K. Brenna reported a meeting was schedule with Historical Commission Chair for later in the week. B. Wright updated the Commission on a meeting to be held the next Monday where the Towns' LSP will attend BOS and should answer the questions in the D. Hill Letter.

There was a discussion about the five year Capital Plan and where Loker fits into the timeline. It was initially requested for FY21, the capital planning team moved it to FY22. The Finance Committee asked the proponents at the warrant hearing why this had moved, which is unknown to the Commission. The Commission suggested the question be asked of the Town finance staff.

8:55 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

K. Sanicki attended the Recreation Commission meeting to suggest Cork as an infill for Loker and for Cork as a surface for Happy Hollow playground, she stressed the need to consider the cork option for the playgrounds, and that it would be available and ready for playgrounds in the US in the next 90 days.

D. Pearlman asked about options for surfacing on the Playgrounds. K. Brenna described the merits and drawbacks for the available surfaces. Discussed full unitary surfacing versus accessible access route to play structures. K. Brenna talked about how the Wood carpet suggested at public comment could not be used in fall zones, just on accessible routes. There was a discussion about the maintenance difficulties presented by using two different surfaces in a playground, and the associated costs.

9:55 PM VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (JANUARY 9, JANUARY 14)

D. Pearlman moved, seconded by K. Pierce, to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2020 and January 14, 2020 in the Packet. YEA: A. Foster, T. Wright, D. Pearlman, K. Pierce NAY: none. ABSENT: C. Fay. ABSTAIN: none. Approved 4-0-0.

10:00 PM TOUCH-A-TRUCK

There was a discussion about planning a Touch-a-Truck even on Saturday, September 26, 2020 and expanding the event into a day-long event for all ages and the logistics of changing the event.

10:10 PM TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING, IF ANY

There were none.

10:15 PM 2020 CALENDAR – SCHEDULE NEXT RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The Recreation Commission tentatively scheduled a next meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 because members should also attend a meeting with the Board of Selectmen. K. Brenna reviewed other notable dates for which the Commission should be aware.

10:20 PM ADJOURN

K. Pierce moved, seconded by D. Pearlman, to adjourn the meeting. YEA: A. Foster, T. Wright, D. Pearlman, K. Pierce NAY: none. ABSENT: C. Fay. ABSTAIN: none. Adopted 4-0-0.

DOCUMENT LIST:

- 02/03/2020 Agenda of the Recreation Commission
- Minutes January 9
- Minutes January 14
- Copy of Article "Loker Turf Field" with comments/suggestions from resident
- Copy of Article "Accessibility Improvements for two Town Playgrounds" with comments/suggestions from resident