

Recreation Commission

Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday March 29 2023

6:30pm, Town Hall

1) Call to Order

- Attendance: Michael Flowers, Wayne Delmonte, Bruce Wilcox, Mike Zaba, Kerri Stolle

2) Approve minutes from February 27th meeting.

- Motion to approve minutes: Flowers
- Second: Zaba

3) Discuss Location for Pickleball/Tennis Courts.

- We originally wanted the Pickleball Courts at the Thierry Property. The following are the reasons it is not the best location.
 - ☐ The ledge on that property would make it difficult to level out. It would cost the town more money to do so.
 - ☐ The old driveway does go through another property.
 - ☐ The size of the courts would mean we would lose the two buildings on that site.
 - ☐ There's no parking lot currently and we would also need to build steps/ramp to make the court accessible.
- The micro-soccer is the new proposed location
 - ☐ It is already level.
 - ☐ Town Hall parking is available.
 - ☐ There is already the beginning of a ramp to make it accessible we would just need to complete the sidewalk.
 - ☐ It is used the least of all the fields.
- Does the commission support the idea of making the Tennis/Pickleball courts location?
 - ☐ Discussion: We would be eliminating a field and there was money spent on irrigation to make those fields playable.
 - ☐ Other possible locations were discussed. We do have a lot of land at the Sports Complex site that has not been cleared.
 - ☐ The old location at the Conservation Area was discussed. However, due to the location being set back from the road in the woods it is not utilized.
 - ☐ The commission decided to approve the location.

4) Select a layout for the Pickleball Courts

- We were thinking about doing 2 tennis courts with blended lines. After receiving input from Classic turf and with the amount of calls and emails recreation departments are getting about Pickleball we would like to have designated pickleball courts along with Tennis Courts.
- Classic Turf Estimated that it would be about \$365,000 to originally do the courts with blended lines. We are awaiting a final proposal with the dedicated courts.
- We asked him to leave space for a phase 2 if we wanted to add more Pickle or Tennis.

- The commission decided on a tennis court with blended lines for pickleball along with 2 dedicated pickleball courts.
- 5) Proposal for Board of Finance for Pickleball Courts
- I will write a narrative to the board of finance about why we chose the Microfield Location
 - I am going to ask that we use ARPA funds to cover the cost of the courts.
 - The \$60,000 that we have for the tennis courts could go towards lighting up the tennis courts. The commission decided they want to keep the Sports Complex "Dawn to Dusk" hours so we do not want to add lights.
- 6) Discuss YMCA/Camp Moe Benefit 5k pricing
- YMCA is now running Camp Moe which is a Summer Camp that helps children with disabilities and from low income families participate in camp. They want to use the facility for a 5k. Can we change the to a "Group C" rental for \$25 per hour
 - The commission voted to change their rental fee because the money made is going towards scholarships for children.
- 7) Adjourn
- 7:18pm Flowers, Second by Wilcox

