

Evaluation of Parks, Fields and Recreational Areas Committee Meeting

December 20, 2012, 6:30 PM

Medway Senior Center

Medway, MA

Minutes:

The joint meeting of Parks and EPFRAC was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Attendance: Robert Reagan, Mark Diebus, Richard D’Innocenzo, Dave D’Amico, Tom Holder, Fred Sibley, Ross Rackliff, Lindsey Barber (Gale Associates), Eric Roise (Gale Associates), Paul Martin, Greg Roland, Craig Hundertmark, Lyle Core, and Jessica Trufant.

The attendees introduced themselves and provided their respective roles.

Tom Holder briefly explained the purpose of the committee, the job Gale was hired to perform, and a timeline. Gale will gather information and comments, tour fields, distribute a town-wide questionnaire, and provide a report by the end of February in order for the town and DPS to budget for changes accordingly.

Lindsey Barber stated that Gale received completed questionnaires from the following youth sports groups: Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, and Pop Warner. MABA and the adult leagues did not return questionnaires. Gale interviewed Rob Pearl earlier in the day to obtain information related to field usage at the middle and high schools.

Gale asked each sports group represented at the meeting a series of questions related to their respective questionnaires. Craig Hundertmark described Pop Warner’s and Cheerleading’s usage, schedule, program size, field constraints and field-sharing issues, and wish list.

Greg Roland discussed Softball’s fields, seasons, program size, and current conditions of existing facilities, specifically related to batting cages, seating, warm-up areas, fencing, and restrooms.

Lacrosse’s field usage was briefly discussed in the absence of representation. Gale will forward any questions they have to Chip Brooks.

Paul Martin discussed Soccer’s program, field usage, number of teams, the general need for additional lights, unused fields due to drainage issues, and over-use of fields.

Mark Diebus discussed Baseball's facilities, field usage, program size, current constraints and conflicts, and wish list.

The group then discussed field usage by adult leagues, camps, and special events.

Gale was satisfied with the groups' answers and mentioned that they would be touring the fields in the near future.

Minutes from the November 26 meeting were approved.

The EPFRAC meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.