

LSSE Commission Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
LSSE Conference Room, Bangs Community Center

Present: Stan Ziomek, Chair, Alan Bonneau, Vice Chair, Jim Brissette, Jon Foster, Anna-Beth Winograd,

Select Board Liaison, Alisa Brewer, LSSE Director, Linda Chalfant, Assistant LSSE Director, Barbara Bilz

Absent: Maryanna Whittemore

Minutes- Sept. 18 and Oct. 9, 2013

AB Winograd moved and J. Foster seconded the minutes from September 18th be approved. A. Bonneau abstained and all other members voted to approve the minutes.

AB Winograd moved the minutes from Oct. 9 be amended to include her question about the Community Field Committee formation. A. Bonneau seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comments - None

Community Field Wading Pool Status /Capital Budget

L. Chalfant provided a copy of a list of War Memorial Wading Pool improvements that were identified by the State Pool Inspector and the Amherst Health Director at an October pool inspection and stated it was unclear whether these were requirements or possible improvements. It was also reported that A. Snow, had provided a rough estimate of \$10-12,000 to make the repairs not including the new Pool Inspector findings. AB Winograd moved the Commission not make a decision about funds to repair the wading pool until a written, detailed quote was provided by DPW and until a newly formed Community Field Committee is appointed to make a recommendation on improvements. J. Foster seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

Outdoor Pools Revenue/Attendance Report

Barbara Bilz, Assistant LSSE Director reported her findings on pool memberships, swimming lessons and daily use fees throughout the area pools. She proposes lowering the daily fee to \$3 for youth and \$4 for adults. She also discussed community input on pool scheduling and the 15 minute adult lap swim time. She is considering changing the hourly lap swim time to 5 minutes. AB Winograd suggested data from other communities about the tax support received for swimming pool programs would be beneficial for future pool reports.

Cherry Hill Revenue/Attendance Report

Barbara Bilz updated the Commission on the revenues that had come in from the Golf Course over the last 3 months. The Commission also received an update on the Disc Golf Proposal for Cherry Hill. It was reported that the Conservation Commission and staff have concerns about the permitting process. Additionally, the owner of the abutting property is asking for 50% of any revenue that may be derived.

Community Preservation Committee Report

J. Brissette, the LSSE CPAC representative, reported on the upcoming CPAC request for funds to purchase land near Fort River School for passive recreation, conservation and an agricultural educational area. A. Bonneau moved to support the CPAC funding and J. Brissette seconded the motion. J. Foster abstained. The motion passed unanimously with one abstaining.

Town Manager and Parks Maintenance Meeting

The Commission recapped the comments from the meeting held with the Town Manager and Assistant Manager on October 9th. Specifically, the Commission would like the LSSE Director to be sure to put field and maintenance scheduled needs in writing to the Tree and Grounds Director so there is clarity about what needs to be done. The Commission asked that the DPW and School leaders be contacted about a meeting to bring all entities together to discuss the use of shared fields and facilities. This would be a meeting similar to the ones scheduled as the Community Fields Meetings years ago.

East Street School as a Relocation Area for LSSE

J. Foster moved and AB Winograd seconded that after viewing the East Street School the facility is not suitable for LSSE, thus the Commission does not support the relocation of LSSE. The vote was unanimous. The Commission will be sending a memo about this issue to the Town Manager and Select Board at the next meeting.

Update on Sports Director Vacancy

L. Chalfant reported that she had offered the position to a candidate and was in the midst of negotiating a salary.

Director's Report and Budget

L. Chalfant briefly reported on recent special events, sports programs, and the progress of the winter LSSE brochure.

Agenda Setting and Adjournment.

The Commission set Thursday, November 7th for the next meeting with an agenda of discussing the FY 15 budget. Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 will be the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Handouts:

October 30, 2013 Agenda

September 18, 2013 and October 9, 2013 Minutes

Pool Information Requested by Stan Ziomek 10/17/13

Summer 2013 Orientation and Training Program

Cherry Hill Revenue Comparison July-Sept. 2012-2014

East Street School-LSSE Staff Input

Community Field Wading Pool Challenges

Wading Pool Health Code Issues for Opening 2014

Fee Comparison- Massachusetts Swimming Pools 2013

Copy of Letter from David P. Schmidt to the Amherst Select Board

Barbara Bilz's response to David P. Schmidt

Fee Comparison of Area Golf Courses 2013

Beer and Wine Price Comparison of Area Golf Courses 2012

Letter from Barbara Van Noord regarding proposal for medical clinic in Bangs Center

Approved: 11/20/13