

Madison Beach and Recreation Department
Special Commission Meeting
November 10, 2016

In attendance were: Paul Maxwell-Chairman, Mike Ciotti, Emily Rosenthal, Mary Pat Nardino, Scot Erskine Director, Tom Banisch-Selectman Liaison, Ted Rahmann, Bill Piggot

Absent: Shane Kokoruda, Joe Oslander

Guests: Steve Filippone, Duo Dickinson – Strong Center Committee

Called to order by Maxwell at 7:30am

- I. Approval of Minutes dated October 7, 2016
 - Motion made by Ciotti to approve minutes.
 - Seconded by Rosenthal
 - All in Favor
- II. Chairman's Report
- III. Public Comments
 - a. None
- IV. Sections Reports
 - a. Strong Field
 - Steve Filippone gave a brief history Strong Field and Larry Ciotti's involvement from day one with the vision of creating a venue worthy of the town. Many areas are named and he and the Strong Center Committee felt strongly that the Stadium seating be named in honor of Larry. Motion was made by Rosenthal to name the stadium seating as Larry Ciotti Stadium on Press box with the recommendation that there be signage in the main plaza gates naming field Harold Strong Field. Second by Nardino. Motion carried.
 - b. Facilities
 - Solar Panel Array – Upper Town Campus – Members took a recess and went to walk the Upper Field to look at the sample prior to making a decision. After the walk – Rosenthal made a motion to recommend that the project move forward contingent upon all safety concerns (sideline fencing) are met. Second by Ciotti – Motion carried.
 - Athletic Field Advisory Committee recommendations were reviewed regarding the admission to the Surf Club during the Beach season. Members modified some language making the responsibility of the leagues to get the word out to all visitors so that they are aware of the rules of use. Guests will not arrive more than 90 minutes prior to game time and shall be allowed to stay 3 hours which includes the game. People must also park in the designated sports event parking lot (grass lot) and passes must be

displayed on dashboard. Erskine will develop a pass template that will be used.

-Venue Management – As a trial – several dates will be given to the management firm. It was felt that they will be given a certain amount of time to “sell” the dates. Details will need to be worked out further.

c. Bauer Park Report

-Rahmann reported that festival drew between 2500 and 3000 people. Event netted out in the black. Committee did a great job, beautiful day, fun had by all.

- Rules of use will be brought to next meeting so that Commission can review and then they can be brought to the Selectmen.

d. Rockland Preserve Report

Parking lot has been cleared, contractor should be starting soon. Working on egress trail to summit to ensure vehicle access.

e. Salt Meadow Park Report

-Piggot stated that the committee recommended that the town install safety netting (if funding is donated) at the North End of the field to stop lacrosse ball from getting into the parking lot.

f. Greenway Trail Report

- Banisch indicated that they would be holding several meetings with public input being received when planning for the route coming from Guilford.

g. Programs

i. No Report

h. Personnel

i. No report

V. Old Business:

Maxwell returned to the discussion regarding the Sports Leagues and suggested a designated lot which was covered in the motion under Facilities.

VI. New Business

Thought was expressed about holding a couple of evening meetings next year. Erskine will work on schedule for review and approval at December meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Rosenthal to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ciotti. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:52am.