

Minutes for P and R 8/23

Meeting called to order 8:06 PM

In attendance: John Macken, Alix Korpan, Mark McAndrews, Andrew Maria,

MINUTES APPROVAL: George Schmidt makes Motion to approve minutes, Alix Korpan seconds. Unanimous vote to approve.

CORRESPONDENCE: none except email from WYF that is being discussed next

GIFT FROM WYF / WARF for new lights

Steve: Will the BOS accept a gift from WARF / WYF to upgrade lights at MB on football field? They will pay for it, P & R will set up though the town if BOS approves. P and Z has to approve as would town administrator. The gift would cover an upgrade to LED to make the lights more efficient and more directed at fields. Better for both users and neighbors.

John: what would lights look like / how high? Steve; 30 foot poles (same as currently there) and same number but more efficient. Would need new poles but not any bigger

Items are in stock and readily available from a Danbury supplier. The town would pay for the lights and then be reimbursed.

Mark McAndrews motioned to vote; Andrew second vote. Vote was unanimous in support.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR NEW ICE RINK: MARK MANGINO. Presentation sent separately.

Mark: There is demand / desire for temporary ice rink in Wilton; a private group (calling it "WIP" for now) would fully fund the rink and its operations through private donations. The rink would be placed at North Field. In addition to the rink, there would be a permanent structure that would contain storage for Zamboni as well as locker rooms, bathroom and concession. This structure would be on North Field but bordering Lilly field. Other sports groups would have access to this structure, specifically the teams that use Lilly and North. After speaking with WARF, they would be interested in working together.

WIP would take on operating expenses including but not limited to putting rink up and down.

John: what will grass look like after rink taken down? Who pays to reseed etc.

Mangino: Rink will insulate grass. On top and bottom of chillers would help keep grass healthy. Any touch ups would be covered by WIP.

Steve: would chillers be permanent or temporary? Mangino: Permanent

Mark: Where would rink be stored during the off season? Mangino: Likely in a trailer / pod in a private lot off site.

Locker room space would be available for other sports in their seasons (soccer and FH in fall, hockey in winter, girls lax in spring)

Steve: What are power requirements ? Mangino: Run from route 7; included in cost. Would need to do more research into specifics.

Steve: Who designed ? Mostly Ryan Equale (WHS alum and college hockey player and current coach) and his firm Caldwell and Walsh.

Steve: concerns are power, field usage, potential flooding from the brook. He suggested a move closer to parking lot to avoid issues with flooding.

George: Would it be open to public ? Yes - will address later in the schedule (attached in presentation. Includes lots of time for men's league, free skates, lessons, youth teams.)

Andrew: for public use, too far from parking lot, Mangino: Layout somewhat based on best usage for locker room but he is open to feedback.

Lights: Would look into, potentially use the poles at Lilly

Mangino: Could not play official HS game there. CIAC will not allow outdoor surfaces for the most part; therefore lighting does not have to be up to a certain CIAC code. Steve: would have to look into required and suggested lumens

Mark would want a 4 year lease and a right of refusal if successful

John: P & R commission focusing on residents of all ages; lets focus on the public aspect

Alix: does the locker room structure have support from other groups? Yes, both theoretical and financial.

John: Have you spoken with Bobby Rushton? Mangino: yes and he is on board

Andrew: skate rentals available ? Mangino: yes

This mock up is preliminary and he is open to feedback

Significant savings from school budget on rented ice at Winter Garden currently being used for all practices and home games.

John: What are next steps? Steve: P & R needs work around field usage. Then talk to town administrator and flush out interest and nail down out costs. Andrew and George working with town on a subcommittee.

Mangino: Any concept on the cost of long term lease? Steve discuss with town

Steve: Forward presentation to town with minutes and separately

Member comment: John - spent time in last week down on Fujitani and want to give kudos to FH / football teams using turf. Very clean, no garbage.

Public comment :Heather Herve: can we include her on email for presentation
Kelly Moron: WRT to football lighting, it's very generous. Question - if the poles are replaced, and the lighting more focused, would there still be sufficient light in parking lot?

Steve: BOE has own lights in parking lot

Alix motions to adjourn at 9:12 PM, Mark seconds vote unanimous