

Kelley Park Committee

May 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Present: Scott Doucette, Dorcas Gordon, Kerry Mattson, Alex Sobolov, Les Dion, Jeff Kane

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Reports for February and April were reviewed. Scott Doucette moved to accept the reports. Dorcas Gordon second and the motion passed.

Old Business

Tball field: Les reported that we have all bids in and that Northern Dirtworks was the low bid. She spoke with Nik Coates today and he asked that we hold off on spending any money on projects until after the Select Board meeting on Thursday. We discussed that the timing for this project is optimal right now as the field is not being used. Les will explain this to the SB at the meeting.

Striping of Basketball Court: This is another project that we may have to put on hold pending clearance from the Select Board. We discussed alternate ways to pay for this and agreed that this would be a good use of the Playground Funds that are being held by the TTCC. Kerry Mattson moved to use the Playground Funds for striping the basketball court. Dorcas Gordon second and the motion passed.

Field Work: Alex reports that Shane said that the mix last year had too much gravel in it. Scott reported on the choices of infield mix that are being proposed this year. With the field vacant this is a good time to get it prepped for fall sports. We will wait for direction from the SB on this.

Tables & Chairs: Les reports that the tables have been removed from the park at this time. The Town is looking at putting survey tape around the benches for now. There is also graffiti in the dug outs that we will need to address. The water fountain has also been ripped off of the building. Les will contact Matt Greenwood on this.

NBR Input on Concession Building: Jeff is here to represent the Newfound Babe Ruth Commission and give us their thoughts on what this building might look like. Jeff said that they envision a concession on the main floor with a press box above. The food purchases would be done on the softball side of the field and the upstairs would be open on both sides. There would also be storage for the Town and for field equipment. Scott said he had reached out to an architect in Ashland for ideas. He said that we may need to go with brick to help with vandalism. Jeff suggests that we could purchase a decent camera system to avoid that. Dorcas said she thinks part of why there is vandalism is that people don't respect the structure.

The height of the building will require safety windows or nets to protect people from balls coming in. Alex said when they did their dugouts that they did internal steps so kids couldn't climb them and hang out. Scott said that we would do the same. Dorcas said that there is a Newfound grad that does building design. It is Jessica Cook of Eagle Pond Studio. She will reach out to her. Jeff suggests sliding fiberglass windows on the front and it was suggested we might want windows on all four sides. This could be a potential announcement area for the NH Marathon. Scott said that we may need a pump system for the bathrooms.

Dorcas Gordon moved to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Alex Sobolov second.

Next Meeting: Monday, 5/18/20 @ 6 pm