



Newton Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

246 Dudley Rd

P & R Office

7:00 p.m. –Monday, February 27, 2017

Attending: Chairman Magni, Vice-Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Bob DeRubeis, Andy Stern, Byron Dunker, Bethel Bilezikian Charkoudian, Don Fishman, Jack Neville, Mike Clarke

Meeting began 7:03 pm

1. Meeting Minutes –January 23, 2017

- Approved 8-0

2. Commissioner’s Reports on Programs, Forestry and Maintenance

- February vacation camp last week was well attended.
- Marathon preparation
- Budget discussions have begun
- Kevin Clancy Basketball Tournament - March 18th
- Newton Highlands Project - on hold until weather warms up
- Waban Common – a group wants to renovate the Waban Common Island, currently in discussion with other city departments on traffic and road issues.
- Crescent St Project - meetings are in progress to move the project forward.
- Forestry received additional money for contractual help to remove hazardous trees.
- Maintenance is working on preparation of ball fields.

3. Newton Girls Softball (NGS) Proposal – Informational Meeting- Bill Hartranft

- NGS is requesting approval to install an electronic scoreboard and covered benches as proposed (attached).
- Mr. Stern asked if the concrete pads were crucial. Mr. Hartranft stated it is preferred, stone tends to create puddles.
- Mr. Stern asked if they considered black fencing. Mr. Hartranft stated they are trying to match existing galvanized fencing. Commissioner commented it may be possible to replace the existing fencing. Mr. Hartranft requested if the fencing is replaced, can the fencing be brought in 50’?
- There was a question regarding whether to allow advertisement on the scoreboard. The scoreboard will be the same as Cabot Field. Cabot Field does have advertisement on the score board.

- Mr. Tucker asked how much money will be received for the advertisement? Mr. Hartranft stated ~ \$10K.

Mr. Dunker made the motion to move the proposal to a public hearing. Mr. Fishman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0

4. Committee Reports

- Community Preservation Committee – no report
- Farm Commission- no report
- Cabot Redesign Committee- no report
- Commonwealth Golf Course – last meeting in November
- Off-Leash Area Working Group (OLAWG) – in discussion for small dog site at Norumbega Park.
- Crystal Lake Working Group (CLWG) - discussion on Levingston Cove and bio islands. A 10'x20' island is \$3,000. Mr. Stern asked the purpose of bio islands. Bio islands float on top of the water and filter phosphorus and nitrogen from the water. Mr. Stern requested minimal distance from shore is. Commissioner stated the closer to shore the more of a nuisance it will be, needs to be out in the water to work effectively. Chairman Magni suggested Mr. Stern attend the next meeting.
- Nahanton Park Committee – met with Carol Schein to discuss next phase in acknowledging the site of the Alms House.

5. New Business

- Mr. Figler requested permission for Commission members to call in to meetings when they not able to attend in person. More discussion required.

Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin McLaughlin

Scoreboard – Cabot Park Example

We seek approval to add a scoreboard at Albemarle Park's Jean Hays Cole Field similar to the Little League scoreboard at Cabot Park:



- Same dimensions and color scheme
- Same highly regarded vendor: Scoreboard Enterprises

Covered Benches – NNHS Example

We seek approval to add covered benches at Albemarle Park's Jean Hays Cole Field similar to those at Newton North High School:



The NNHS benches are quite large, so we propose a smaller footprint for Cole Field:

	<u>NNHS</u>	<u>Current Cole</u>	<u>Proposed Cole</u>
Length	~ 32'	~ 24'	~ 26'
Depth	103"	57"	72"

- Made initial outreach to M.E. O'Brien on Friday 2/24 to solicit a design proposal
- Will use galvanized steel to match existing fence, will consider painting entire Cole Field fence black