

**Evaluation of Parks, Fields and Recreational Areas Committee Meeting**

**September 18, 2013, 7:00 PM**

**Medway Middle School**

**Medway, MA**

**Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

**Attendance:** Rick D’Innocenzo, Mark Diebus, Mike Francis, Rob Pearl, Ross Rackliff, Bob Reagan, Tom Holder.

Rick distributed handouts for three options at the high school, two at the middle school, and Oakland, as well as a chart of cost estimates for each.

Rick and Ross talked about the importance of trail identification, signage, and better general information and awareness.

Rick discussed some of the back history of the EPFRAC project and the phased approach and the need to be ready for fall town meeting. The group looked at and discussed different options at the high school and generally agreed that the high school is the best place to first.

The group agreed that we need a full engineering study to determine what the best/cheapest option is for grading and topography purposes.

The group discussed the possibility of combining options 1 and 2. Going from north to south, it was proposed that the town install a synthetic lighted field, a reconfigured natural softball field, a lighted synthetic field and a natural turf field south of the current football field.

The addition of the three fields will be sufficient for the HS teams.

Tom suggested we involve CIPC to make sure they're in the loop.

Bob mentioned that CPC meets at the beginning of October and again in November, so time is short to get on the warrant.

Mike mentioned that Open Space knows is aware that the purchase of the Briggs land was likely going to go to athletic fields, so people should be prepared for that possibility. The group discussed the possibility of extending the Choate park trail, which will be looked on favorably.

Rick summarized the hybrid plan.

Ross suggested that we have Gale revise the diagram and get adjusted costs based on the hybrid plan. Tom will discuss with Gale.

Tom discussed the \$25k allocated by TM for field upgrades. The group discussed upgrades to the MS track. There may be enough freed up space at the HS after the new synthetic fields are built for the MS track team to practice there. The group also discussed possible work at the Idylbrook and HS baseball fields.

Tom mentioned that there is a request by DPS for an extra \$500k for DPS to implement the Gale report.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the hybrid plan, assuming engineering and the Gale reports are agreeable, and within reason on costs and construction. Approved unanimously.

The group discussed possible community service projects for trail signage, benches, trail clearing, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.