

Minutes of August 19, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:15 pm. Members present Bob Norris, Todd Annis, Bill Latorra, Chairman Phil Famiglietti and Recreation Director Dave Farr. Quorum reached at 7:32 pm with arrival of Darren Netto.

Dave Farr stated the lowest bid for Ball Field Lights at VMP and Pesci Park was made by Shock Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$351,060.00. Only one other contractor supplied a bid and that being T&T Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$551,100.00. Motion made by Todd Annis to accept the bid by Shock Electrical Contractors for installation of ball field lights at Pesci Park and Bob O'Connor Memorial Field. Motion seconded by Bob Norris. All in favor.

Discussion continued regarding Pesci Pool House. Dave Farr stated he will investigate and report on what remains of the \$125,000 provided by the state grant for reconstruction of the facility.

Commission discussed the 2009 capital improvements request. The three items that will be proposed for 2009 are as follow:

Additional football lights at VMP - \$30,000
The Pesci Concession Stand and Pesci Pavilion Concessions/Bath rooms - \$85,000
North Street Irrigation and Well - \$57,000

The \$85,000 figure is an estimate and will be confirmed. Dave Farr will also confirm the figure of \$57,000 with DPW for the North Street Irrigation and Well. There was discussion regarding the possibility that North Street Park may not be ready in 2009.

Commission next discussed the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan. Motion made by Darren Netto to add a line item for the 2011-12 Capital Budget Plan for a scoreboard at Bob O'Connor Memorial Field. Motion seconded by Todd Annis. All in favor.

Dave Farr reported on Lighted Field usage, the electrical costs and the related fees charged by the town for usage of the current lights and the new baseball lights when they are installed. Dave suggested a small increase be added to cover the increase in the electrical cost. After some discussion a motion was made by Todd Annis to increase the light usage fee for soccer by \$5. Motion seconded by Bill Latorra. All in favor.

Commission discussed a request by Major League Soccer to hold a youth soccer camp at VMP in July 2009 to take place on dates similar to the session held in 2008. It was noted the cost will be the same as in 2008. Motion made by Todd Annis to allow Major League Soccer to hold their youth soccer camp in July 2009 on the dates they requested. Motion seconded by Darren Netto. All in favor.

Commission then discussed compensation time for Recreation Director Dave Farr in the event he works more than the standard 35 hours per week and if those additional hours can accumulate and be used for vacation. It was decided Mr. Farr should first discuss this with First Selectman Steve Warwick and then report back to the commission on the outcome.

Dave Farr reminded the commission that September 14th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm is Family Day at VMP.

The Commission then discussed the Skate Board Park. Dave Farr reported the site near the Middle School is no longer an option. He stated that First Selectman Steve Warwick will go before the CIAC in September to request another tennis court be added to the High School. If this is approved the Board of Education will be approached regarding allowing the town to use the location of the lower High School tennis courts for the Skate Board Park.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.

Darren Netto
Commissioner Park and Recreation