

All members present (Burnell, Edson, Lamb, Rosenberg, Stolz)
Karen Simmons, Recreation Director, and Sandra Shaw, Recreation Committee
David Kanter, Appropriation Committee

Recreation presentation: all materials draft (no guidelines from Town Manager yet, no vote by Recreation Committee yet)

Prior projects: Kineen underway, will be finished; Adams tennis courts not bid because DPW engineering work needed and understaffed/not available, hope to bid next spring for work next summer

Neighborhood facilities:

- Center Tennis Court backboard: patched and wearing; noisy for neighbors. Propose to replace with new, more sound-absorbent material (not on prior-year priority list). \$30,000 enterprise including material, surface work, installation. Only apparent maintenance need: restriping lines annually

- Rindge neighborhood playground (also not on prior-year priority list; would jump over Franklin playground, which is less used): replace deteriorated fence and gates (\$14,000) and replace swing set, install absorbent surface (work not done when rest of playground rebuilt). Total cost \$35,000, tax levy

questions on fence maintenance (rely on DPW, with Recreation operational funds; DPW monthly surveys of conditions now reduced to quarterly), and on whether \$35,000 estimate for neighborhood playground work is enough; don't want to have to go back in and redo partial jobs, tear up landscaping again

need to raise, generally, issue of inadequate operating funds for routine maintenance and upkeep of facilities, perhaps even dedicated staff—emphasize in CEC report

question on how do equipment depreciation for enterprise equipment (and where that depreciation cash is held, and what called and how explain it properly so funds not diverted to other uses), but NOT doing depreciation for recreation equipment in tax levy (i.e., lighting for softball fields, scheduled for costly replacement later in decade)—obviously inconsistent accounting treatment

- Future years estimates: \$200,000 '07 for Center playground, \$50,000 in '08 for Center basketball courts, \$200,000 in '09 to redo center tennis and softball field lighting, \$70,000 in '10 for Adams and Franklin playgrounds

Pine Meadows (all enterprise)

- this year \$50,000 as placeholder for study of real retaining wall/hydrology needs; prior study suggested redoing wall for \$400,000, but now question whether that is

needed, or whether there are broader water issues for culvert, gateway, surrounding fields; \$400,000 as placeholder for work in '08

- equipment: \$50,000 '07 for fairway mower decks, airifying equipment, rough cut mower; \$50,000 for '09 as placeholder

Lincoln Park (enterprise funding)

- \$250,000 for bathrooms facility; had hoped to fund with original contingency/overage, but those funds consumed by DEP methane and other monitoring, venting; had pro-bono plans for bathroom, concession stand, storage area for field flags and first aid equipment, but bids \$225,000-300,000 were too high

Now negotiating a smaller design, bathrooms only, small storage area, hoping for \$75,000 from Lincoln Park trust fund (did not like first design): CEC urges Recreation to bring in Lincoln Park trustees, mediate with Selectmen, and get a renewed, feasible design with trust funds involved (Selectman liaison may be insisting on 100% trust fund funding, which is not likely)

Other, out-year items (all enterprise):

- Valley tennis court surface grinding, rebuilding, new fencing \$100,000 '08
- Center pool study on condition of filter, skimmer, piping, clorinator, etc., \$30,000 '08, with substantial work likely thereafter
- Old Res. Parking lot, placeholder, \$50,000 '10

Other CEC business

Meetings November 10 (schools), November 17 (DPW), 7:30 p.m.

Munroe: Rosenberg check with Selectmen

DPW: likely no enterprise water and sewer funding request because of backlog

No clarity on summit process yet

Adjourned at 8:30 to help the Red Sox win the World Series.

John Rosenberg, Clerk