

The Waltham Recreation Board held their November meeting on November 12, 2014 at the Waltham Community and Cultural Center, 510 Moody St., Waltham MA.

Present were: Thomas Creonte, Stacey Tully, Jerry Walker and John Graceffa. Wayne Cook, Patricia Curtin and Richard Scanlon were absent.

Also present were Director Sandra Tomasello and Assistant Director Nick Abruzzi.

Vice-Chairperson, Jerry Walker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being taped by WCAC, Waltham's local cable channel and would be shown on the local channel at a later date.

Due to the number of Board Members present, and there not being a quorum, Vice Chairman, Jerry Walker announced the approval of the Minutes for the October Board Meeting would be tabled until the December 10, 2014 meeting.

The monthly bills were circulated and signed by all Board members.

In reviewing the Statement of Accounts, Director Tomasello reviewed General Operating Accounts and the Capital Improvement Accounts. Current balances are all as of today's date.

Next on the agenda was the Connie Mack Baseball League. President Brooks Cranmer and Treasurer Theresa Ricci were not present. They sent an email informing the Board "As the only two remaining board members, and the league dropping from 10 teams to just 2 teams in 2014, they both feel it's time to retire." They did submit the financials for the 2014 Season.

The Waltham Girls Softball Association was next on the agenda. Earlier in the day, Waltham Girls Softball President, Stephen McGovern informed us that he would not be able to attend the meeting and would like to be rescheduled for another date. Board Members rescheduled Waltham Girls Softball to appear at their next meeting on December 10, 2014.

Waltham Youth Lacrosse was next on the agenda, representing the group was President, Stephen Duffy. He reported that numbers were low, he feels due to 8th graders playing freshmen lacrosse. He is confident that the 5th and 6th grade levels will rise next year. They had one 13 year old girls' team that played in the (League?) It is difficult obtaining coaches for the girls' teams. Coaching for the boys' team is never a problem. As in past years, there was great coaching. At the 5th and 6th grade levels the league decided to do parity play. All games were played Sunday mornings at the Waltham High School's Harding Field, running time, therefore all games began and ended at roughly the same time. Hosting tournaments, having a concession stand and running a Harbor Cruise Fundraiser helped raise funds in support of the program. Jerry Walker commended the program for continuing to award the Tina Duca scholarship. Mr. Duffy was disappointed to report that the scholarship is lower than years past. He also discussed the skills

program that was offered to the participants for \$75 for 8 sessions. Board member John Graceffa was curious as to what level they start playing full field. Mr. Duffy informed the Board that at the 5th and 6th grade levels they begin full field and younger grade levels play on modified fields. John Graceffa proceeded to say the program is great. Jerry Walker thanked him for his presentation.

Director Tomasello presented the Capital Improvement Program which Budget Proposal for FY 2020. There was also an updated 5 year FY 2015-2019 Capital Budget Proposal submitted. Director Tomasello reviewed the 2020 new requests and changes to 5 year plan previously submitted. With an insufficient number of Board members present for a quorum, no vote could be taken. The proposal FY 2020, and updated 5 year FY 2015-2019 Capital Budget was tabled. Assistant Director Nick Abruzzi then spoke about improvements at Veterans' Memorial Rink, 2 new compressors. Board Member John Graceffa asked if there has been any other work done to the compressors since the Recreation Department took over the rink. Mr. Abruzzi indicated that they have replaced parts as needed to prolong the life of the existing compressors. Director Tomasello also mentioned the energy study report and recommendations reflected on the updated Capital Budget Plan.

Next on the agenda was the Director's Report. Director Tomasello talked about the October Prospect Hill Stewardship Consolidated Findings Report. The Board was given copies. There were only (2) new issues, they were addressed. She reported that the subcommittee had not been able to schedule a meeting. She also reported that the Winter Program Brochures were delivered to the schools. Director Tomasello presented the Board with a flyer indicating there will be a Community Input Meeting on, December 2nd, 2014 to discuss Hillcroft Playground Improvements.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Creonte, seconded by Stacey Tully and voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa DiBlasi, Clerk