



OBSERVER REPORT

Recreation and Parks Commission meeting, Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 7:30 pm
Center gymnasium LWVM Observer: Kay Rieper

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Chip Osborne. All members were present except the Superintendent who is on vacation.

Over thirty people representing the tennis and pickleball community as well as neighbors of the tennis courts attended to present opinions about the proposed conversion of one tennis court at Seaside to 4 pickleball courts. The general consensus was that more pickleball courts are needed as the sport keeps growing, but that tennis was still important also. The possibility of dedicated pickle ball courts at a renovated Reynolds Playground was also brought up. Five courts are needed for JV tennis, and Jamie needs courts 1 and 2 for her recreation programs for little kids to be near the playground and bathrooms (even though these two courts are farthest away from the abutters.)

After over an hour of presentations, the Board passed a motion to approve changing court 3 into pickleball courts with the pickle ball players group raising some money for the transition to aid in resurfacing, nets, lines, lighting, and a wall separating courts 3 and 4.

New Business

Matt showed pictures of some huge and potentially dangerous holes at Hopkins Field near the lacrosse goals. Also, a teacher at Village school sent a letter about "no dog" signs at the soccer field being ignored and having to pick up poop.

Seaside Infield

The Board has received estimates from SDS in Wrentham to repair the infield at Seaside at a cost of \$6085 in labor and \$6232 in materials. A motion was made and approved by the Board to proceed with the repair.

Website

A proposal is ready to go out to companies for the lowest qualified bid. It includes four parts—the website, branding, photography, and social media management, the last part being optional.

Correspondence

Requests to use the Devereux parking lot for Breast Friends Walk on 10/10 and Walk around the Neck on 10/16 were approved.

A letter complaining about the state of the walkway around Redds Pond was read. Rec and Parks has no jurisdiction over Redd's Pond.

A Recreation Assistant hire was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. The next meeting will be October 5 at 7:30 pm.