

West River Park Committee

May 31st, 2012

Attending: Carol Lolatte, Brownie Towle, Paul Freed, Matt Henry, Ben Underhill, Dr. Bob Tortolani, Betsy Gentile, and Bonnie Carr

Update from Committee

Development:

The Town now wants copies of the agenda and minutes of all WRP meetings so that they can be put on-line for the public to view. Ben made a motion to do so and it was seconded by Paul Freed and so carried by the committee.

Punch List - Paul Ethier, Park Supervisor, has been meeting with Ron Bell, Mike Renaud, and Dave Systo to address remaining items on the punch list. The signage plan changed and a new one is in place. There is a tulip tree that is also being taken care of. Once all items are completed, Carol will sign off with the engineer and he'll receive final payment for Phase I.

Phase II – This will soon begin which includes the backstop, fencing, foul poles, goals, benches, signage, benches, and sewer service. Carol will soon do the RFP's on the items as needed.

WRCC – Tony Farnum is currently working on plans for the bathrooms, concession stand and maintenance shed. He will meet with Paul Ethier once he has them in place. This also includes an estimate of the cost of said items.

Tractor – Carol explained that a tractor for WRP was cut from her Town budget. A zero turn-around needs to be purchased in order to properly maintain the facility. The cost is around \$8,000.00 and it will be stored at WRP. After a short discussion regarding tight funding at this point in time plus knowing that additional money is set to be in hand within the next two months, Ben Underhill made a motion to go forward and get three quotes, (per Town Policy), for the tractor. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion and it was so carried.

Fundraising and Grants:

Carol reported that the Retreat sent the first payment of a three year pledge of \$25,000.00

She also reported that the Steven Packard Memorial Fund in the amount of \$915.00 plus an additional \$85.00, (from the Packard Family), has been requested by the family to be used for the WRP Project.

A short discussion followed regarding Entergy and who to contact for a donation. Betsy Gentile said she will speak to Brian Cosgrove and report at the next meeting as to how that goes.

Ben Underhill and Carol will be meeting soon to go over grant requests.

New Chapter:

New Chapte has recently been bought by Proctor & Gamble and Carol is going to follow up and see if they are interested in making a donation.

501c3:

Carol said she is still working on this item but is not having any luck getting it in place. Paul Freed said he will take this on and see if he can get someone to help.

Pepsi – Leader Distribution:

Joe Sloick from Leader Distribution has contacted Carol regarding the two scoreboards at WRP. They have offered to buy ½ of each of the two boards with the exclusive rights of advertisement and product sale of Pepsi products in the Concession Stand. Much discussion followed and at this time the item was tabled but the general feeling is that this is not a good idea.

BYSA:

Jeff Brewer from BYSA contacted Carol and said they would like to donate the soccer goals for WRP. A discussion followed regarding any restrictions with this donation and Carol said there are none. Paul Freed will follow up and talk with Jeff Brewer and go over this with him.

Press Conferences:

Betsy Gentile is going to set up a press conference for June 27th at noon at WRP. This will include the radio, tv, and press. At this time the Thompson Grant will be featured. Others will be done in the near future.

Naming Rights:

It was noted that Naming Rights for the concession stand still needs to be filled

Other Business:

A short discussion followed regarding the location of the playground at WRP as well as costs in completing it.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Gibson Aiken Center