

**Town of Boxborough
Boxborough Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2012**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE/ TIME: April 10th, 7:30 PM

PLACE: Town Hall, Hilberg Room

TOPICS DISCUSSED (Minutes):

With the amount of veteran staff not returning and the number of new hires we felt that another Director was warranted for Summer Playground. We will ask one of our Winter Directors, Rob Guilmette, to join us for Summer Playground who has shown interest. **Action: Sue to contact Rob to see if he is still interested.**

Finalized Staffing for Summer Playground

We finalized the hiring for Summer Playground:

Action: Buzz Tremblay to contact all the new hires and confirm their status as to whether they will be able to join us or not. He will do this the week of Spring Break.

- Tent for Summer Playground - **Action: Buzz to contact vendor**
- Pod for Summer Playground - **Action: Kevin Lehner to contact Vendor**
- Finalize registration application to send in backpacks – **Action: Buzz Tremblay to email to Sue the final forms so they can be distributed in the backpacks by April 13th.**

Review Lower Fields Project - At Sue Reuther's request, Brigid Bieber (Boxborough Member of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee) and Dave Wilson (President, Friends of Lower Fields) presented an overview of the Lower Fields Project being proposed at the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District. Mr. Wilson explained that at Boxborough's upcoming Town Meeting, the Town would be asked to approve a warrant article authorizing the Regional School Committee to bond up to \$1.5 million to support the construction of two lighted infill turf fields and one smaller grass field, handicap access, parking, bathrooms and concessions on the lower fields located adjacent to the TJ O'Grady skatepark on the AB Regional School District property. Mr. Wilson noted that a similar warrant article was presented at last week's Acton Town Meeting and that it was approved by approximately 600 (in favor) and 4 (against). He noted that approval by each of Acton and Boxborough Town meetings is necessary in order for this project to go forward. Ms. Bieber explained the proposed financing of the project, and the potential financial impact to Boxborough (through the AB Regional Assessment). Mr. Wilson discussed the proposed project in detail, referring to the draft plans of the project. Those present asked about the design plans, the planned use of the turf and grass fields post construction, the benefits to the Regional School District and to the other members of the Boxborough and Acton

Communities. Mr. Wilson explained the financing, including the private loan being secured by ABYS, the contributions of the local youth sports groups, the bond (by the AB Regional School District) and the potential rental income, concessions sales and advertising (banners) to offset the costs of the project. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Bieber discussed the potential for this project to generate income over time, thus decreasing the cost to taxpayers. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Bieber asked the Recreation Commission for its support of the warrant article to approve the bonding of up to \$1.5 million to fund the Lower Fields Project at Boxborough's upcoming Town Meeting.

After discussion it was moved (Ms. Reuther), seconded (Mr. Tremblay) and unanimously voted to support the warrant article for the bonding related to the Lower Fields Project.

The Boxborough Recreation Commission Supports the Lower Fields Project

- The Blanchard Auction Committee requested from the Recreation Commission free coupons for the Auction. How many coupons will we give to the Blanchard Auction for Summer and/or Winter Program?

The Recreation Commission supports the following:

- *2 Summer Playground Coupons Worth: \$210.00*
- *2 Winter Program Coupons Worth: \$100.00*

Action: Sue will make the coupons and send them to the Blanchard Auction Committee.

- *Town Meeting... May 14th at 7:00 p.m.*

The next Recreation Commission Meeting will be held on May 8th, 2012 at 7:00 Town Hall, Hilberg Room