

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
May 1st, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Present via Zoom: Christopher Gerstel (Chair), Michelle Geddes (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Chaston (Member), Dina Hannigan (Member), James Rosenbaum (Member), Stacey Mulroy (Director)

Call to Order

Mr. Gerstel called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, May 1st, 2024.

1. Discussion Items

The Commission deliberated on whether the Needham High School Tennis Court renovation project would be submitted to Town Meeting the following Monday (5/6/24) or whether it should be submitted at the Special Town Meeting occurring in Fall of 2024. Stacey expressed concern about submitting for the upcoming May Town Meeting as there has been significant pushback from neighbors and the Planning Board has been, as of yet, unable to approve the project. Cynthia pointed out that the Planning Board may come back after the conclusion of Town Meeting with conditions for the project that would hold it up. Dina added that the neighbors' concerns may not be addressed to their satisfaction over the Summer and that the Needham High School tennis team would like to see the project move forward sooner than later. Michelle added that there may be backlash from various user groups should the Commission decide to present the project in the Fall. Stacey stated that her primary concern with moving forward this May is financial, as there are budget constraints and should any changes be needed, the bid may come in higher than the budget. All members expressed a level of concern over the approval process for this particular project.

2. Action Items & Approvals

6A. NHS Tennis Court Project

Motion to Defer Tennis Court Project Until After Next Planning Board Hearing

Motion: Cynthia Chaston

Second: Michelle Geddes

Vote: 2-1 (No from James Rosenbaum)

3. Next Meetings

- Tuesday, May 14th, 2024
- Wednesday, May 29th, 2024
- Monday, June 10th, 2024
- Monday, June 24th, 2024

4. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm, May 1st, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominic Stanganelli

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