

Mill Woods Master Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, January 19, 2006

The meeting was held at the Eleanor Buck Nature Center at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Joseph Slepiski, Mary Ellen Bonelli, Wesley Sargent, Bill Smyers, Peter Gardow, Martha Mayor, Richard Lepore, Salvatore Cucia, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department and Kathleen Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department. Note: Ms. Bagley received calls from Thomas Ragonese and Craig McGovern that they would not be able to attend this meeting.

1. Public Comments.

No comments.

2. [Minutes - November 10, 2005.](#)

Minutes were approved.

3. Old Business.

a. T-Shirts.

Ms. Bagley distributed two T-shirt designs submitted by Craig McGovern. Committee members reviewed both designs and selected a design to send to Craig McGovern for printing of T-shirts. These T-Shirts will be used for both advertising and fundraising for the Mill Woods Master Plan. Committee members selected the design that had eight (8) different sports items on the front. The color of the T-shirt and design will be at the discretion of Craig McGovern.

b. Dog Park.

Ms. Bagley gave committee members a status on the update of the dog park. She reported that the committee has been organized and is in the process of developing design plans, fundraising plans and rules for the park.

c. Bocce Courts.

Ms. Bagley reported that the Bocce courts were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. UNICO is now moving forward with their design and fundraising plans for these courts in Mill Woods Park.

4. New Business.

a. Capital Improvement Projects for 2006-2007.

Committee members reviewed the Parks and Recreation Board's priority list for CIP projects for the upcoming budget year. The number one priority identified by the Park Board was the design fee of \$70,000 for Phase 1A of the Mill Woods Master Plan. Committee members recognized that the Park Board made the Master Plan their number one priority.

b. Fundraising Strategies.

Committee members discussed the ongoing process of raising funds for the Mill Woods Master Plan. Little League is interested in pursuing advertising signs on the outfield fences. Some members were concerned as to how these signs would look throughout the whole park and wanted to determine how much money would be realized from this advertising. Ms. Bagley suggested getting pledges from the sports groups towards the construction of the Little League field and the soccer field. In the past, Little League has offered to pay for the lights for the Little League field. Soccer might help with

purchasing equipment for the soccer field. Committee members suggested having a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their next meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2006, and inviting groups and individuals with a vested interest in the Mill Woods Park Master Plan.

The following suggestions were made of people to invite to this meeting: representatives from the Dog Park Committee, UNICO, Friends of the Nature Center, sports groups, skate park representatives, scouts and residents in town. Ms. Bagley said that she would contact the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to make this request. More than likely, the February meeting would be held at the Community Center.

- c. The subcommittee meeting for February 16 is cancelled and will be held with the joint meeting on February 23, 2006.

5. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.