Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017

Members: Chairman Robert Hardy, Vice Chairman Bill Lawrence, Marina Sumner, Michelle Hall and Ex-Officio from the selectmen Peter Fogg

Members Present: Chairman Bob Hardy, Bill Lawrence, Marina Sumner, alternate Ex-officio Katherine Dawson

Others Present: Alternate Ex-Officio & Secretary Katherine Dawson

Visitors: Eric Pyra

Call to Order 6:10PM

Wildlife Encounters event dates in Riverfront Park are all set and confirmed. Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled and Bob has created the flyer for printing and distribution.

Eric Pyra from Tilton Sports Center joined the Commissioners to discuss use of the 132 Ballfield. The Center has started a travel baseball team, hoping that they will have enough young people to compete with the other teams in the program. He asks that the Commission consider putting in such a field with the Center taking over maintenance of the entire 132 field. Fencing is a concern as the outfield fence would be in the football field. The fence could be a temporary fence that would be down and not interfere with the football games. Bob asked how much of a rise the pitchers mound requires. Eric stated that there are temporary mounds or the mound could be scraped off after the season and stored.

Other construction of the field were asked, type of dirt material, bases and etc. Eric was able to answer and offered the name of possible suppliers. Currently they practice on the inside turf but ideally they should be on an outside playing field. Other uses could be Lacrosse which is becoming more popular. Soccer is another option for our young people. The permanent items needed would be a permanent backstop, perhaps later on a dugout but for now the backstop is essential. Layout concerns were expressed as to direction of balls in play such as foul balls in the Tanger overflow parking lot. Would need to talk with Tanger to avoid future problems. Other teams that require regulation size fields could share the field with scheduling. Contact Landscape companies for installation of the field and pricing. Fencing companies for backstop and fencing. Eric left the meeting at 7:00pm

The Commissioners discussed the proposal presented by Tilton Sports Center and generally felt it would be good to expand the use of the field. Bob suggested some additional possible programs. He described one about learning about bobcats, he will make a contact about creating a program here. Other acts were considered such as ventriloquist, balloon guy clowns etc.
Bob will send bid form for landscaping to Katherine.
The fireworks will cost $2500 for the Christmas Event. Katherine will get other prices for fireworks display.
Motion from bill to accept the minutes from 6-13,2016, 7-11-2016, 9-12-2016, 11-28-2016 & 1-9-2017 for approval. Peter gave a second. All were in favor.

Adjourn at 7:45pm