

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Town of Tisbury
Department of Public Works
115 High Point Lane, Tisbury, MA

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 21, 2023

Meeting called to order: 9:32am

Place: Lake Street Park

Attendance: Committee members - James Burrows (JB), Cheryl Doble (CD), Gerard Hokanson (GH), Henry Stephenson (HS), Carolyn Wallis (CW)

1. Approval of Minutes

- September 15: CD moved, GH seconded. Approved 4-0-1.

2. Tennis Update

- JB reported that Kirk Metell was missing a part for the lock set-up and, with compounding weather issues, the status of the install is uncertain. CD agreed to follow up with Kirk.
- Jon Snyder has not yet switched CourtReserve billing to the Town. Further, he has not responded to inquiries from JB. JB will continue to follow up, including seeking out Jon at Town Hall.

3. Subcommittee Updates – Bike Subcommittee

- CD reported that the subcommittee met in August (CD, Bill Veno, Dan Doyle, Greg Politz, Andrew Lester). They reviewed the annotated map of the Old Holmes Hole Road route prepared by Dan Doyle (see July 26 OSR Committee minutes), and discussed potential users of that route and what the subcommittee wanted to accomplish. Andrew Lester mentioned the composite material that could be laid down and graded to help with drainage and surface issues. The subcommittee agreed that a trial of the modified surface over a portion of the route would be a good next step. Andrew agreed to help raise money to proceed. The next meeting of the group is planned for October.
- The Lagoon Pond Road to Beach Road bike/pedestrian route was also discussed. CD noted that she brought this up with Carlos Teles, Teles Landscaping, at a Planning Board Meeting that he attended. Carlos indicated a willingness to talk with the OSR Committee and Planning Board about a possible bike route though his Beach Road property, connecting with a route though Safe Harbor marina. CD will ask ConComm to discuss the bike route during their review of a current Teles proposal. Other possible routes for this connection and potential obstacles were also discussed.

4. Playground Subcommittee

- CW reported that the subcommittee met earlier in September. The subcommittee discussed a playground with wooden equipment, climbers, pieces that are not found elsewhere in the Town. Slides that utilize the natural slopes and contours of the upper Lake Street Park. A priority idea was to have a picnic pavilion located near the pickleball courts. Ideally, fixing or rebuilding the rest room should also be an objective. (See also Lake Street Park planning, below).

5. Lake Street Park Planning and CPC Project Proposal

- CD alerted the OSR Committee prior to this meeting that Lake Street Park has been identified in the Tashmoo Targeted Watershed Management Plan (TWMP) for a cluster/neighborhood wastewater treatment system. The proposed project would provide a gravity sewer collection system in the adjacent neighborhood and a wastewater treatment system utilizing state-of-the-art enhanced I/A nitrogen-reducing technology under Lake Street Park. Pertinent to ongoing OSR discussions, the plan distributed by CD shows a leaching field under the tennis/pickleball courts, for which we've just invested substantial CPC money. GH volunteered to follow up with Scott Horsley, a consultant who has been working with the town on the TWMP.
- *Post-Meeting Note: Upon contacting Scott Horsley, GH heard from David Formato (Onsite Engineering, Inc.) who worked on the plan CD provided. David indicated that the layouts completed to this point are only schematic in nature and that the OSR (and other) Committees would have the opportunity for input as the project moves to design. He forwarded to GH a new design that had already replaced the one distributed. This shows the treatment system (e.g., NitROE tanks) to the north of the tennis courts and the leach field under the area west of the courts currently planned for playground and picnicking. When queried by GH about use of the parking lot area instead, David noted that this probably wasn't viable, since utilities are reluctant to agree to any land use changes for the land under their lines.*
- CW walked the Committee through several CPC applications for new fencing around the tennis and pickleball courts, new gates and a remote lock system, dividers for the pickleball courts, bike rack and picnic tables and a 12' x 24' picnic pavilion west of the pickleball courts. Longer term, the Committee discussed numerous options for the placement of the pavilion, playground equipment, as well as a volleyball court that could be relocated from Veteran's Park and half-court basketball courts.
- CD suggested that Lake Street Park development might be funded by the Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program.

Adjourn Meeting

HS moved, JB seconded, approved 5-0. Meeting ended 11:23am.

Submitted by Gerard Hokanson