

Meeting Minutes for ROSE Fund Advisory Meeting – Wednesday February 15, 2023

ROSE Members

Karen Schmidt, present
Bill Joel, present
Bob Lippi, absent
Tia Brady, present
Matt Zaccone, present

Present:

Mayor John D'Amato
Councilman Rich Dellaripa, ROSE Committee Liaison
Mike Sondermeyer Boro Administrator

Meeting Opens

Call to order at 7:10pm and Salute the Flag
Announcement of compliance with NJ Open Public Meetings Act

Public Comment

7:10pm, No public present

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2023: 1st by Tia Brady, 2nd by Matt Zaccone, approved by all

Discussion of Non-DPW and DPW items for 2023

Annual DPW Tasks

- Lawn cutting of WTB, MBD, Sloan Park, Fire House, Police Office, Boro Hall, Bogue Pond, Oakwood Lake.
- Freshen up all stone dust in dugouts.
- Remove white tarp from Delazier field.
- Move garbage cans to the proper locations for baseball use.
- Set-up batting cage at Delazier Field.
- Mulch playgrounds.
- Add clay and remove all growth of grass from clay infields.
- Edge all infield grass areas.
- Weed-whack all fence edges - around entire fenced area, perimeter of part, dugouts, backstops, etc.
- Cut the grass at Delazier.
- Move bleacher to baseball field. DPW may have already done this after football.
- Constant maintenance all year long: clay, grass, weeds, etc.
- Open bathrooms at WTB and Delaizer.
- Install outfield fence at Delazier (Temporary).
- Tune up all tractors at Delazier and WTB.
- Open hose bib on side of announcement booth. Install hose on hose reel.
- Test baseball scoreboards to make sure they are operational.
- Put out all screens, field draggers, and field spike dragger behind each backstop.

- July: start the conversion to Football/soccer. Move fence to create sidelines for soccer and football, buy paint to line the field, install goal posts, move bleachers to the football sidelines, put all baseball supplies in the trailer, dismantle batting cage, move garbage cans, etc.
- Late November: reverse all the opening procedures for field closure (same applies at WTB and MBD). Place white tarp to have grass again come spring, close sprinklers, close bathrooms. (Delazier, WTB, and MBD require the same services.)
- Open all parks: Sloan Park, Bogue, WTB, Oakwood, & Delazier playgrounds, weed, weed-whack, mulch, spring clean-up. Check playground equipment for safety. Install garbage cans for the season
- WTB Walking Path: Maintenance, Weed-whack, edging, etc.
- Open Sprinkler system at Sloan, WTB & Delazier
- Field opening and closing as well as 4-step fertilizer program. Also includes late spring aeration and seeding.
- Field Hockey now at Delazier Field
- Groom all baseball fields mid-season
- Expose and plug all base anchors on diamonds.
- Order Porta-Johns for Delazier
- Prep Clay infield so no drop offs
- Seed, top dress field with topsoil, winter fertilizer. (WTB and MBD)
- Purchase bags of speedy dry and bags of lime. Arrange vendor to deliver, notify DPW so they can store it in the trailer at Delazier and WTB, as needed year to year.
- Skating rink, currently in storage, pending a permanent home.

Non-DPW

- Fertilize fields by True Green, includes Grub control, WTB, MBD, All fields and all municipal green property.
- Geese Patrol performed by True Green

Discussion of Rec and Open Space Recommendations for 2022

REC Recommendations

- Delazier Field Improvements
 - Apply for any available county or state grants
 - *Updated at 2/15/2023 discussion:* Fields require additional roller pads to soak up water, at minimum 2, but possibly 4, so 2 at WTB and 2 at Delaizer.
 - Delaizer Field sprinkler system upgrade
 - Baseball backstop at Delaizer Field needs to be reskinned and extended to build a fencing canopy over Homeplate for safety.
 - *Added 2/15/2023:* New Batting Cage at Little Softball Field at WTB.
 - *Added 2/15/2023:* Need electric at Little Ball Filed at WTB
 - *Added 2/15/2023:* At Delaizer, 2 L-Screen Pitching Screens
- Upgrades to Bogue Pond Park
 - Pursue 2023 Open Space Grants
 - Suggestions: Add Chess/Checkers Tables and seats, Add a Bocce ball court, Add a Horseshoe pit
 - Add a kid's play sprinkler with padded base and overhead sprinkler (***Can this be considered as part of Bogue Pond Playground Refurbish?***)
- WTB Improvements

- Repair and maintain tennis courts at WTB as needed. (In progress and to be completed in 2023)
- Add “How to Use Equipment” weatherproof signs at WTB Walking track for each equipment, and/or offer QR code links to “How to” videos.
- Look into adding new piece of equipment at WTB, “Adult Fitness Unit”
- Additional item for future consideration: add a ga-ga pit, possibly at WTB
- Skating Rink – ***Needs a permanent home. Still in storage.*** Recommend adding either plywood, or a rubber padding around the skating rink. Plywood may be cheaper but may need to be replaced more frequently. Need to consider off-season storage of either mats or plywood. Or if skating rink is installed at Bogue basketball court, new fencing will solve the issue. Downside of installing skating rink on Bogue Basketball court is basketball court cannot be used on nicer winter days.
- Create All-Weather Cornhole Platforms to be set-up in different parks.
- Support Drug Alliance Banner
- Require users of tennis court to pay a nominal annual fee to use the tennis courts, higher fee for non-Bloomingtondale residents; to book court usage time online, max 2 hours. Once time reserved, a passcode is emailed or texted to use for the keyless entry. Passcode only valid during reserved time. Current concerns about out-of-town residents monopolizing court usage, and free usage of courts for a business.

Open Space Recommendations

- **Build a new Bloomingtondale REC center**
 - Form REC Building Project Committee to seek grants to build a new facility. This will allow for REC consolidation to one location. Larger facility needed to expand REC offerings.
 - Actively set aside portion of ROSE fund annually to create a building fund.
 - Begin reviewing possible locations for new REC center, such as near WTB School.
- Recommendation for ROSE Fund Donation to the Community Garden for \$1000.
- Recommendation for ROSE Fund donation to Master Gardeners for \$1000
- Recommend free mulch and gravel to Master Gardeners
- Recommend DPW spring clean-out of the riverbank behind the Senior Center to allow for expansions of gardens.
- Continue monitoring and managing Poison Ivy Removal and control at Delazier Field, Bogue Pond, Oakwood Lake, and any additional properties as needed.
- **ROSE Fund Balance from 2022 is \$112,000.**

Proposed 2022 allocation of ROSE Funds

- Recreation: 40%
- Open Space: 10%
- Maintenance: 10%
- Discretionary; 40%

Additional Items

- When Passaic County completes the purchase of the Horse Farm and takes possession, Passaic County plans to include Bloomingtondale in any discussions on how the property can be used. Representatives from REC and BEC would like to make suggestions on passive use of the property.

Late Public Comment

No public

Adjournment

7:35pm 1st by Tia Brady, 2nd by Karen Schmidt