

A joint meeting of the Town Board and Recreation Commission was held on March 1, 2010 in the Town of Moreau Office Building, 61 Hudson Street, South Glens Falls, New York.

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll, which resulted in the following Town Board Members being present or absent:

Town Board Members Present

Tom Cumm	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Preston Jenkins	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
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Recreation Commission Members Present

Ryan Dennis
Garth Baker
Elizabeth Lanfear
Keith Kreppein
John Farrell
Andy Laing, Alternate Member

Recreation Commission Members Absent

Frank LaBarge
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.

Also Present: Jeanne Fleury, Town Clerk; Steve Gram, Recreation Director; Jeremy Tripp, Recreation Laborer; Adele Kurtz, Town Resident; Scott Comstock, Teacher at Oliver Winch Middle School and Youth LaCrosse Coach

Councilwoman LeClair began by explaining the purpose of the meeting and that was to find out what the Recreation Commission expects from the Town Board and what the Town Board expects from the Recreation Commission. She stated that the Town Code is written in such a way that the Recreation Commission Members are more like directors of the park. The code was written in the 1970's when there wasn't a full-time director. She hoped the Recreation Commission would leave this meeting feeling like their time is well spent on the commission. The board would also like to know what the Recreation Commission feels their role should be.

Councilman Kusnierz recited information from the Recreation By-Laws and Recreation Commission Local Law in the Town Code Book as follows:

- The Recreation Commission is supposed to meet a minimum of eight times a year.
- The Recreation Commission is supposed to submit a monthly report to the Town Board.
- A notice of Recreation Commission Monthly Meetings is supposed to be given at least five days prior to the meeting and at least two weeks prior to their annual meeting.
- The Recreation Commission has the authority to spend money within the limits of its annual budget.

Councilman Kusnierz said it would be very helpful if the Recreation Commission followed the code.

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Elizabeth Lanfear asked for clarification on the part regarding expenditure of funds. It was her understanding that the Recreation Commission could not expend funds without Town Board approval first.

Councilman Kusnierz said this was correct, but the Recreation Commission can agree to spend "X" amount of money and present their request to the Town Board.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that this is one of the problems. The Recreation Commission will agree to purchase something and they present it to the Town Board and the Town Board says no. She believes this is where some of the frustration on the part of the commission lies.

Keith Kreppein stated that the Recreation Commission will meet and discuss an issue and then when it is presented to the Town Board it isn't their voice and the information relayed to the Town Board does not convey their intentions. He suggested perhaps the two boards should meet so they can convey their ideas.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that is why a monthly report would be very helpful. He also advised the commission that they have to follow the same procurement policy as everyone else.

Councilwoman LeClair referred to the Conservation Committee and how she requested that if they want something to happen a liaison from the Conservation Committee should come to the Town Board with their request. She suggested that the Recreation Commission select a member of their commission to be a liaison, a person who can report information or requests to the Town Board Members.

Councilman Kusnierz added that if the Recreation Commission has a viable project or request that there are funds available for they could send the information to the Town Board in advance of a regular scheduled meeting and then the liaison from the commission could come to a Town Board Meeting with supporting documentation and the Town Board should be able to iron it out at that meeting.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that there seems to be a communication gap. He spoke about the proposed concession stand for Little League and how it seems the project is going nowhere. He would like to see the Recreation Commission come up with a five year plan and present it to the Town Board so it could be analyzed and determined how much it is going to cost to implement the items on the plan.

Andy Laing stated it seems to him that there isn't any goal in place. He said the commission needs guidance from the Town Board on where the Town Board is headed in regards to recreation over the next five years. He said they don't even know what funds will be available next year. There doesn't seem to be any direction. He said the Recreation Commission can provide input, but the Town Board Members are the elected officials. He added that we have a recreation area like no other.

Supervisor Jenkins spoke about a 59 acre parcel of land that the Town is trying to acquire off Fort Edward Road that adjoins the rec. park.

Andy Laing said that he didn't know anything about this and didn't know if the other commission members did. This is an example of what he is talking about.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the current recreation park has limited space unless trees are removed and he didn't think that was a good idea. He saw the need for new bathrooms and a new concession stand. He stated again that we need a five year plan.

Elizabeth Lanfear mentioned the baseball concession stand and asked what the "hierarchy" is. She stated that baseball blew off the Recreation Commission Meetings. Then they did a walk through with Bob Vittengl and then they went to the Town Board. She also stated that the Conservation Committee is a little different than the Recreation Commission in that the Conservation Committee doesn't have a Recreation Director it is just a committee. She also noted that the Recreation Commission never handles

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the financial end of things. A new utility vehicle was purchased and the purchase was never discussed with the Recreation Commission first.

Steve Gram stated it was discussed at a Rec. Meeting.

Andy Laing said the problem is where do people go? Their meetings are held the first Monday of each month. He asked the Town Board what they wanted the commission to take care of and bring to the Town Board.

Councilman Cumm stated that he served on the Recreation Commission back in the 90's. He understands their frustration. The Town Board needs to give the Recreation Commission a framework on how to conduct business. A person or group could come to the Town Board first to discuss something, but then they need to go to the Recreation Commission.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that it depends on the issue whether they should come to the Town Board first or not. He spent two hours with the president of baseball discussing their contract. There was also some discussion about the concession stand.

Andy Laing asked how the commission ironed out what the Town Board wants them to take care of.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that the Town Board has a lot to do at their regular meetings. He has spent more time dealing with rec. issues since he has been a council person than he ever wants to revisit again. If an individual comes before the Town Board and asks for an opinion he will give them his opinion. If a person has a time sensitive issue he doesn't want them waiting two weeks or more for the Recreation Commission to meet to address it. In that case the Town Board should address it. If the issue isn't time sensitive then he would prefer that the Recreation Commission deal with it first and then report to the Town Board.

Supervisor Jenkins spoke about the budget and said if the Town Board doesn't budget any money then the Recreation Commission can't spend it. He referred to the club car purchase and said this is an item that would be included in a five year plan.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the Recreation Commission doesn't deal with the Rec. Budget.

Councilman Cumm told Elizabeth that is one of the jobs of the Recreation Commission. If the commission had a five year plan they could bring it to the Town Board at budget time and show the board what they wanted to accomplish in the upcoming year. He didn't recall one time when the Recreation Commission made a formal presentation to the Town Board about a new program and the Town Board turned down a program that the Recreation Commission wanted.

Andy Laing said there has been discussion about starting a LaCrosse Program at rec. and asked if it was within their scope to move forward with it.

Councilman Cumm said he would like to see a formal presentation made by the Recreation Commission and the details and then he wouldn't vote it down. He thought it was a good idea.

Andy Laing asked if the plan should come from the commission and not the director and Councilman Cumm stated that it should be a joint effort between the commission and the director.

Andy Laing said if he puts together a proposal then he wants to be the one to present it.

Councilman Kusnierz replied this was the reason he would like a member of the Recreation Commission to come to a Town Board Meeting.

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Councilwoman LeClair added that they don't have to come to every Town Board Meeting. She explained to the commission that if they wanted to make a presentation to the Town Board or discuss something with the Town Board they could notify Jean or Terry the Friday before the meeting and they would be put on the agenda.

Keith Kreppein stated that a five year plan that includes a use, layout and infrastructure is typically produced by a professional. The Recreation Commission meets once a month for two or three hours. They don't have any deep discussions rather they touch on tangents. It is a big time commitment and he asked if the board would consider compensating the members of the commission, especially if they are going to be donating even more time.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that there are two sections of the Town Code that specifically indicate they are volunteer positions.

Keith Kreppein asked why the by-laws couldn't be amended.

Councilwoman LeClair hoped that after this meeting the Town Board could work on revising the by-laws. They don't meet our needs any longer.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that the Town code regarding the Recreation Commission is more than broad. Under Powers and Duties it gives the Recreation Commission complete control over parks, playgrounds and recreation facilities owned by the Town, the ability to adopt rules, power to equip, maintain and operate playgrounds and recreation facilities within monies budgeted.

Councilwoman LeClair acknowledged this was correct, but when the Recreation Commission comes before the Town Board with a request then the board doesn't want to spend the money.

Keith Kreppein gave the example of fees. The Recreation Commission suggested a fee schedule to the Town Board to help offset the cost of the use of the recreation facilities and the Town Board voted it down.

Garth Baker stated that at this meeting tonight the Town Board Members have given the Recreation Commission different descriptions of what they feel the Recreation Commission can do.

Councilman Kusnierz told the Recreation Commission that if they feel they need a professional to come up with a five year plan then they should present to the Town Board a request with a quote as to the cost. Monies may not be available that day, month or year to implement a project or projects on the five year plan, but at least there is a goal and monies may be available down the road to implement the plan.

Andy Laing stated that by the next meeting he plans to study the Town Budget and know what monies are in what accounts for rec. According to what Councilman Kusnierz read from the Town Code it seems to him that Steve Gram shouldn't bring any request to the Town Board without going through the Recreation Commission first. He used the example of the purchase of a new truck. Steve Gram should come to the Recreation Commission first and then the Recreation Commission would bring it before the Town Board.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that as far as the consultant was concerned, the board needs input from the community. We need to know what the community wants.

Councilman Cumm stated that he used to serve on the Recreation Commission and during April through September he met every Friday with Supervisor Mike Sullivan in his office and maybe with one board member and they discussed what was planned for the week for rec.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that we have Steve Gram and his crew now to take care of things. She asked Councilman Cumm if that was the case back then and Councilman Cumm replied no. Harry Betar was the paid part-time director, but he was time and half. He put in 60 to 80 hours a week at the park. The board was always informed about what was going on and that is something we need to get back to.

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Councilman Kusnierz advised that under the Recreation By-Laws the only control the Recreation Commission has over the Recreation Director is to consult with the Recreation Director to develop effective policies and programs for the prevention and control of delinquency and to further youth development and work in cooperation with the Director to review and analyze plans for the creation or expansion of recreation facilities, youth programs and youth service.

Andy Laing stated he wasn't saying they should exclude Steve Gram. He used another example of the club car purchase and said he didn't know anything about it.

Steve Gram corrected this statement by saying that the Recreation Commission did know about the purchase. He also stated that the Recreation Commission is supposed to give him input on the budget and the only one who does is Bob Vittengl.

Keith Kreppin acknowledged that the club car purchase was discussed briefly at a Recreation Commission Meeting.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Steve Gram to prepare after each Town Board Meeting a summary of action taken on recreation items and distribute the summary to the Recreation Commission. He asked him to mail or e-mail the summary to the commission.

Steve Gram stated that Recreation Commission Minutes are supposed to be filed in Town Hall and haven't been in over a year.

Elizabeth Lanfear noted that there is supposed to be an election of officers each year too and Councilman Kusnierz told her that the commission is supposed to do this.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the commission had previously asked the Town Board about hiring a person to act as secretary and take minutes of the Recreation Commission Meetings like the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that Supervisor Jenkins had said that he didn't have a problem with this, but the Town Board needs a request from the Recreation Commission.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated it would be helpful if Steve Gram gave the commission a monthly report on daily duties of staff. She asked if the commission had the authority to ask Steve Gram to do this.

Councilman Kusnierz replied that they could ask anything from the Town Board and the Town Board could direct the Recreation Director or any other department head to do something.

Elizabeth Lanfear said it would also be helpful if Steve Gram could e-mail the commission members a copy of the monthly report in advance of their meeting so they had time to review it before the meeting date.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Steve Gram if he could do that and Steve Gram replied yes, but as in the case of this month's report he just filed it in Town Hall this date, which is the date for the Recreation Commission Meeting.

Councilman Kusnierz asked Elizabeth Lanfear if that would work for her if she got the report the day of the meeting.

Elizabeth Lanfear replied that personally she doesn't feel the commission needs to know everything that Bruce and Jeremy and the other staff does every day, because that is what they get. That is for the Town Board to know. The commission doesn't oversee the staff at the rec. park.

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Keith Kreppein stated that Steve Gram could e-mail the commission members the report and it is up to each member if they want to print it out or not.

Councilwoman LeClair stated this way the commission would know what is going on in the park. The commission doesn't have the authority to tell one of the staff members what to do.

Scott Comstock a teach at Oliver Winch Middle School and coach of youth LaCrosse spoke to the Town Board about utilizing the rec. field(s) for youth LaCrosse. Right now there are about 60 young athletes in grades K through 8 that participate in the LaCrosse program at the high school where they are bulging at the seams. Ryan Dennis is also involved in the program. They would like to support young athletes over at the rec. park instead. He said after hearing the discussion tonight it appears that he has to speak to the Recreation Commission and have them pass the information on to the Town Board. Several of the commission members present said the commission is here tonight.

Councilman Cumm asked Scott Comstock if he intended this to be a rec. program and not an outside agency that wants to come in and use our fields. He asked Scott Comstock if he wanted it to be a Town program.

Scott Comstock replied he thought so. Whatever it takes to get the use of the rec. fields and whatever options are best for the youth.

Councilman Cumm stated that if it is outside agency then they have to set up an organization, but if it is a Town program then it would be under the Town's insurance.

Scott Comstock replied that they have insurance through U.S. LaCrosse. It is a not-for-profit organization. He doesn't make any money off of it. What they are looking for is field space.

Ryan Dennis added that they have to maintain insurance through U.S. LaCrosse in order to play in other facilities so the Town's insurance isn't the issue. It is field space that we need.

Scott Comstock stated they would work it out with the Recreation Commission and then they could propose it to the Town Board. All they need is field space and some lines.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the Recreation Commission discussed this and voted on it.

John Farrell stated that they gave it tacit approval and just needed more information.

Scott Comstock said he would have to determine the benefits to making it a rec. program and consider what the fees and expenses were going to be and do what is best for the youth. He noticed that baseball and softball is charged for field usage so he would have to take that into consideration, because ultimately the kids have to pay for it. A player right now pays \$95.00 and that includes their insurance, the refs, everything.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if they talked to Steve Gram about field availability and the reply was no, not yet. Steve Gram said he gave them a field use request form this date.

Steve Gram stated the only conflict would be with spring soccer and it depends on what days LaCrosse will want the fields.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that this is the type of information that would be useful to her as a commission member, because she doesn't know who plays on what fields.

Ryan Dennis stated that the bowl is ideal for LaCrosse. They could make two smaller fields within the bowl similar to what is done in flag football.

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Councilman Kusnierz told Elizabeth Lanfear that if she wanted to know what the field use schedule was she could contact him or Councilwoman LeClair and they would have Steve Gram e-mail her a copy.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that we want to leave Steve in charge of field assignment.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that the Recreation Commission doesn't want to be in charge of it.

Scott Comstock stated that they play games once a week and practice two or three times a week. Right now at the high school after Varsity and JV are done the kids come in and practice until dark. Two fields at the high school are lined for JV and Varsity practice and games and sometimes they can't host a youth LaCrosse game because the fields are being used by JV and Varsity so if they had an additional space at rec. they could host more youth LaCrosse games and practice. LaCrosse is a rapidly growing sport. It is played on a standard soccer field. It is all South Glens Falls kids who play. They play April through June.

Keith Kreppein asked how they advertise their program and Scott replied that they send out flyers through the elementary schools after getting the green light from Dr. McCarthy.

Keith Kreppein mentioned a sign he wanted to donate and erect at the entrance off Route 9 that goes down to the beach.

Councilwoman LeClair advised Keith that the board was waiting for plans and advised that the Village of South Glens Falls would have to approve it; it is going to be on village property.

Keith Kreppein stated that since he is donating the sign he wants to advertise his business on top of the sign and he wants to light the sign.

Keith was told that this ultimately needed village approval.

Keith asked who would take precedence over whose events get advertised on the sign. Example: If the village has a band going on the same time as the Town has fireworks going on would the village take down our sign and put theirs up?

Councilwoman LeClair said that would be the village's decision. However, the village offered a whole side of the kiosk at Main and 5th Street to advertise events on so she thought they would work with us.

Garth Baker spoke about the Town's website and stated that rec. has relied heavily on the schools to get information out about programs and sometimes it hasn't been the most effective means. He asked what the procedure was for the Recreation Commission to ask for something to be put on the recreation page of the Town's website. He said they would like the program sign up forms on the website so people could download them and print them out.

Councilwoman LeClair replied that she and Steve had talked about making that available. She didn't know if internally they had the capability to do that. We would have to get a price from Mannix Marketing or get a volunteer.

Garth Baker asked who maintains the site and who has the administrative role?

Supervisor Jenkins replied that his secretary does that. She may not be happy about me volunteering her for something else he stated.

Elizabeth Lanfear said the commission wants people to be able to go to the rec. page on the Town's website. It isn't even just a TownofMoreau.org/Recreation. She stated it is "Town of Moreau/blah it goes on forever to get to the rec. page". She stated that they talked about having a MoreauRecreation.org as a

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domain name and having it go directly to the rec. page on the Town website.

Garth Baker said it would be a separate site and a separate domain. You would go to the Town's website and click on the same button and go to this domain. He stated that websites aren't created in simple html anymore so you don't get nice Town of Moreau/Recreation you get Town of Moreau/ an article number about 40 characters long and it isn't the same every time.

Councilman Cumm asked why recreation can't have its own web page. Would we object to that as a board?

Councilwoman LeClair said no, but it isn't something Terry is capable of doing.

Garth Baker said he has his own servers and the cost to the Town for the domain name is \$10.00 per year. He would create a different site for rec.

Councilman Kusnierz said there should be \$10.00 available in the rec. budget for this.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that Mannix emphasized that we shouldn't have too many people working on the site or maintaining it. She told Garth that if he did it he would be responsible for it.

Supervisor Jenkins said that is a decision the Recreation commission could make and it shouldn't be a problem. He didn't see how it impacted them at all.

Councilwoman LeClair stated it would be wonderful. We have wanted to expand our site. That way the Recreation Commission could post information about their clean up day or winter event.

Councilman Cumm added that applications for any sporting program could then be put on the website. That should be all internet accessible.

Councilwoman LeClair said it isn't something that Terry is able to do.

Councilman Cumm added that it should be a separate site, because it could become cumbersome on what the commission wants to put on it.

Garth Baker said the Town website menu wouldn't change. It would be an external domain rather than an internal domain.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that if we added the website name to the maintenance building then people would know where to go to get the information.

Councilman Cumm said to add it to the sign that is going to be on Route 9 at the entrance to the beach access road.

Discussion followed again on the sign that Keith Kreppein was going to donate and the location and who owns the property.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that the village may not even own the property. That has to be determined.

Councilwoman LeClair told Keith Kreppein that he could present his request for the sign to the Village Board of Trustees with the Town Board's support behind him.

Supervisor Jenkins said he would put the request for LaCrosse on the agenda for the next Town Board Meeting.

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Councilman Kusnierz asked Steve Gram to work out the potential conflicts over field use before the next Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman LeClair reverted back to an earlier conversation in which the board said they wanted groups to go to the Recreation Commission with requests and said one of the things she likes to see is a group of Boy Scouts or Girls Scouts coming before the Town Board with a request. It is a good learning experience. She and Councilman Prendergast talked about it and he hated to turn anybody away that wants to come in. So she would still like to be able to speak to a Boy Scout or Girl Scout group and not tell them that they have to go to the Recreation Commission first. She loves to see them come to a meeting.

Garth Baker stated that he didn't think the commission wanted to take that away from the board, but at the same time if the Town Board is notified that they are coming maybe the leader of the Boy Scout or Girl Scout group could contact the Recreation Commission. Everyone on the commission has an e-mail. That way the commission can talk about it and send a liaison from the commission to the Town Board Meeting when the presentation is going to be made and the liaison would be able to tell the Town Board how the commission feels about it.

Councilman Cumm said when a program like that comes forward he would like to see one or two commissioners attend the Town Board Meeting to speak on behalf of the Recreation Commission and tell the Town Board how they feel about it.

Supervisor Jenkins stated that every issue we talked about seems to center around a communication gap. We can all improve on that. Two years ago we had a Recreation Commission with four members and there was seldom a quorum for the meetings. This board made an effort to have a full committee. We have a code that is ancient in some parts, current in others and some was written when we didn't have a director so as Councilwoman LeClair mentioned the Town Board should work on the code to clarify it for everybody. He is more concerned with the commission working on a policy. What does the commission want to do in the future? We have tremendous programs now. Last year at Moreau Fun Days he received compliments on the park. Between the committee and the employees at the park we have had a tremendous effort over the past year. All he heard before were complaints and now compliments. We need to continue to make it better and somehow improve on our communications.

Elizabeth Lanfear stated that we charge a flat fee for all programs and nothing that discusses resident vs. non-residents. Some of our school district is outside the Town of Moreau and some of the children don't live in the Town of Moreau and she asked how the Town Board felt about non-resident fees.

Councilman Kusnierz said it was his opinion that if they are a member of our central school district then they are part of our community.

Supervisor Jenkins said that is something this board decided a long time ago not to charge non-resident fees.

Elizabeth Lanfear said she lives in Moreau, but plays on rec. programs in other Towns and there are resident and non-resident fees. She asked if moving ahead they talk about developing new programs are we talking about developing new programs for only Town of Moreau residents or are we going to develop programs for people who live outside the Town and if they want to pay more money they can play.

Councilman Cumm said he didn't have an opinion either way, but he wanted the Recreation Commission to tell the Town Board what they think and give the Town Board a compelling argument.

Supervisor Jenkins didn't think we should advertise for it, but there are probably situations that arise whereby there is a child who wants to play in a Town rec. program and they have a cousin who lives in Hudson Falls and they want to play together in the program then maybe there isn't any reason we shouldn't allow that.

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Elizabeth Lanfear asked Supervisor Jenkins if he didn't have a strong opinion either way.

Supervisor Jenkins stated he wanted children to be able to participate and one extra kid participating in our softball program or wrestling program is not going to increase our costs significantly. The Recreation Commission should give the Town Board their recommendation. He personally would go with the recommendation. He doesn't want to deny them, but he doesn't want to open it up to everybody either.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she doesn't want to see non-residents play in rec. programs to the point where there are so many kids playing that we don't have any more room for kids who are Town residents to play.

Ryan Dennis stated that is the reason why other communities charge a non-resident fee. He still gets mailings from Town of Wilton, because his children started playing at Gavin Park. They charge a Town of Wilton Resident Fee, Saratoga School District Resident Fee and Non-Resident Fee.

Councilman Cumm stated that the Recreation Commission needs to come to the board with a consensus of what they are recommending.

Councilwoman LeClair said the same person from the Recreation Commission doesn't have to come to every meeting. She said that Garth Baker may come to the Town Board Meeting one month and talk about the website and Keith Kreppein may come to another meeting and talk about the sign he is creating. The liaison doesn't have to be a designated person.

Councilman Cumm thought the consensus here tonight is that the Little League Concession Stand needs to be built and he wants to see something started on that. He said the Recreation Commission needs to come up with a plan where it is going to be built and the square footage. It doesn't have to be a grandiose presentation.

Elizabeth Lanfear asked Councilman Cumm if the plan should come from the Recreation Commission or baseball and Councilman Cumm said the Recreation Commission.

Councilwoman LeClair stated that she and Councilman Cumm met with baseball, because baseball didn't know what the Town wanted. She stated that she and Councilman Cumm didn't want the Recreation Commission to spend a lot of time on it and then have baseball come in with plans on an \$110,000.00 facility and we say that isn't what we want.

Keith Kreppein stated that the missing portion of that is what is baseball bringing to the table.

Councilwoman LeClair said they told baseball we need to know that.

Supervisor Jenkins stated the thing we need to look at is what is the best way to do it and how much volunteer time helps and how much does it hinder the progress. He referred to the quad concession building. It took four years to finish the project. Steve Gram was running every other day to get materials for it. Does it make sense to have the basic facility contracted and then finish it with volunteers? We spent a lot of money on that facility and there were a lot of things that had to be fixed. He said that plans should be able to be drawn up at a reasonable cost. He talked with the president of baseball for two hours and all they want is a functional facility that is easy to maintain and operate. He then told the Recreation Commission not to wait for baseball. It is going to be a Town facility that will be owned by the Town of Moreau.

Keith Kreppein asked why we would go to baseball. He stated that it will be a multi-use facility right? In other words soccer will use it, baseball will use it, etc.... and the answer was yes. He said it seems like we empower other organizations sometimes and they think they own it.

Councilman Cumm stated they empower themselves.

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Keith Kreppein stated that the Town Board perpetuates that by going to them and asking them what they want rather than telling them this is what we are going to build and this is the facility that they will use.

Supervisor Jenkins advised that he told the president of baseball that. He told him that is going to be built where the Recreation Commission decides where it should be.

Councilman Cumm stated that this board is going to charge the Recreation Commission with coming up with a five year plan and stated that if the Recreation Commission comes to the board and asked for professional help to develop the plan he wouldn't have a problem setting aside some funds for this. He said we need a five year plan. We are running out of room in the park and we need to be able to utilize what little space we have left to the best use and we may need an expert to do this.

Andy Laing said that when he was first appointed to the Recreation Commission he asked for a plan of the rec. park. What he was given was kind of sad. He was surprised that we didn't have an up-to-date survey of the park.

Councilman Cumm asked what the date was on the map and Andy replied May 31, 1991. Councilman Cumm said we have one that is about one to one and half years old and he could get a copy from the Building Inspector.

Andy Laing stated that if you are going to spending \$250,000.00 then you need three or four planning meetings to spend it.

Councilman Kusnierz said we don't have \$250,000.00 to spend on expansion of the park. There are personal services, etc.

Andy Laing stated at some point there has to be a professional to help them.

Supervisor Jenkins said it appears there are three votes on the board for this if it comes to that. However, he still wants community involvement and he doesn't want someone from the outside coming and telling us what is best for Moreau.

Keith Kreppein stated that he thought internally they were the voice for most of the people in the community. He said that he doesn't want to waste money. It isn't that he wants to get paid a lot of money, but they could all contribute a little more time and get a little bit of compensation and save the Town a lot of money. He said they could submit some extra hours and get it done themselves. He said Ryan Dennis has construction background and he has background in landscape architecture. He thought they could get it done in a reasonable fashion with just a little more time and it isn't necessary to hire a consultant.

Councilman Kusnierz stated that this is something they would take up at budget time.

Councilman Cumm said he probably wouldn't vote yes on that. It is a volunteer organization. When he was on the Recreation Commission he put in on the average about 30 hours a week at the rec. park. He raked and mowed lawns, because he felt it was part of the job.

Keith Kreppein said it was just an option. He asked if they should we all double or triple their time, bring in a consultant or get more volunteers or do they double the size of our Recreation Commission.

Councilman Kusnierz said by the General Municipal Law a Recreation Commission can have no less than 5 members and no more than 7 members.

Supervisor Jenkins said the board would have to decide on that. He wasn't prepared to do anything right now on that. We don't have money budgeted for that right now. As far as bringing in somebody from outside we do have money in a capital project fund.

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Keith Kreppein stated that we have the best park in a 50 to 60 mile radius. How do we bring it to the next level? That is what all of us are after.

Jeremy Tripp presented his proposal to provide a fertilization program for the fields in the rec. park. He provided information on what Green Management provided for services last year on fertilization and if he provided the same program it would cost the Town \$2,600.00 and the Town paid Green Management \$6,000.00. He also provided a spreadsheet on what he proposed to do. He didn't look to see what the square footage was on the Green Management paperwork, but he assumed that his proposal was to cover about four times the amount of area in the park that would be fertilized. There would be two chemical treatments at the beginning and fertilizer. He would apply fertilizer treatments in July, August and October and would apply it to everything in the park except fields 5 & 6. Those aren't very good fields right now. He said Green Management only did one application a year and he would do five applications.

Councilman Kusnierz asked for the total cost and total square feet and Jeremy replied 763,000 square feet or 17 ½ acres and the total cost would be \$3,000.00.

Councilman Kusnierz asked how that compares with what we did last year and Jeremy Tripp said he didn't go through the sheet from last year, but he assumed it was a lot less last year.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if he needed a DEC certification to apply this stuff and Jeremy Tripp replied yes and Councilman Kusnierz asked Jeremy if he had the certification and Jeremy replied yes, he has been certified for fifteen years and has a commercial applicators license.

Councilman Kusnierz asked if anyone checked with our insurance agent and Supervisor Jenkins said yes and as long as he is licensed there isn't any issue and as long as he is an employee he is covered by Town insurance.

Councilwoman LeClair added that the benefit is that as he does one field he can close that field off and the entire rec. park doesn't have to be closed.

Councilman Kusnierz said he was a little sensitive to this due to previous history with this.

Someone asked what equipment would be needed and Jeremy said a larger spreader.

Councilman Kusnierz asked when they needed to know and Steve Gram replied the program starts in mid-April.

Jeremy also recommended a wetting agent be applied to reduce water usage on the fields. It would cost \$500.00 for the application and could save thousands of dollars in water bills. He would apply two applications and they last about four to six weeks.

Councilwoman LeClair said we spent about \$20,000.00 on water last year.

Discussion followed on the water usage in the park for irrigating fields.

Councilman Kusnierz advised that an individual who lives in the Town and who serves on the Board of Directors for the Heart Association is going to be requesting authorization to conduct a 3k fundraiser during Moreau Fun Days this year and all the monies raised will go directly to the Heart Association. They will do the advertising and put cones around the route. At some point they will come to the Recreation Commission and Town Board with this request.

Councilwoman LeClair said that person is coming to the Moreau Fun Days Committee Meeting to talk about it.

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A motion was made by Councilman Cumm and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to adjourn the workshop at 8:55 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilman Cumm	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Absent
Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Fleury
Town Clerk