



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
60 CENTER SQUARE
EAST LONGMEADOW, MA 01028

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East Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:30 PM
Senior Center Media Room, 180 Maple Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Present: Chair Jonathan Torcia, Vice-Chair Anthony Zampiceni, Ralph Cooley, Elizabeth Stoughton, Lynn Booth, Dan Reynolds, Robert Dobek, Philip Abair

Absent: Thomas O'Brien

Also Present: Donna Prather, Tom Christensen, Kevin McLoughlin, Chris Devoie, Thomas Kaye, Terry Glusko

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Torcia called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Review and Approval of Meeting

No meeting minutes were discussed or approved at this meeting

Old Business

EL Veterans Memorial Application- Chair Torcia opened up the opportunity for applicant Terry Glusko to speak in front of the committee and provide updates on changes to the quotes and a

new application detailing a breakdown of costs. The applicant also indicated that there will be at least one fundraiser in the coming months along with a few grant applications that have been submitted to local businesses. There was discussion over the cost of the application in light of the new quotes and the possibility of splitting the project into phases.

Phil Abair inquired to the applicant, if they would consider moving the project to a park setting potentially Heritage Park. The applicant responded that the Senior Center was the best possible site in town and supported by local town officials previously and other architecture plans have been made. He said at this time the Veterans Memorial committee would not consider a change of the current project site. Anthony Zampiceni inquired on the size of the project and if the applicant had any alternative plans to downsize the project if needed. The applicant responded that at this moment they are presenting the full project as proposed and are not at this time looking at reducing the scope of the project. Conversation continued to ensue about downsizing the project and eventually splitting the project into two proposed phases, with the larger phase that would have the stone, walkway and bench area be included for CPC funding. Based on discussions with the architect in the audience it was determined this portion would cost over \$500,000. Based on the amount of funds the committee presently had, it was determined that \$500,000 would satisfy a significant amount of the project. This was lower than the previously reported estimate.

Motion was made by Anthony Zampiceni and Seconded by Ralph Cooley to recommend the application to the Town Council.

The motion passed by a 7-1 vote. (YEA: Torcia, Stoughton, Zampiceni, Cooley, Dobek, Reynolds, Booth, NAY: Abair)

New Business

Heritage Park Master Plan- Chair Torcia opened the discussion to Parks and Recreation Director Donna Prather and Tom Christenson from the DPW. There was a brief presentation of the application outlining the scope of the application would only go towards the initial construction documents and consulting needed to begin a project outline and the first phase of the projects.

The applicants recommended to the committee and public to watch the formal presentation of the Heritage Park master plan on ELCAT which was presented in front of a Town Council Capital Committee meeting on December 9th, 2021. Some committee members expressed concerns over specific additions to the master plan though it was noted that a final design decision wouldn't be made until after this initial phase was completed.

Motion was made by Phil Abair and Seconded by Anthony Zampiceni to recommend the application to the Town Council.

The motion passed by a 6-2 vote. (YEA: Torcia, Stoughton, Zampiceni, Abair, Reynolds, Booth
NAY: Cooley, Dobek)

Center Field Light- Chair Torcia opened up the discussion to applicant Kevin McLoughlin as he presented his application to the committee. He stated the benefits to his application being approved would be teams and other community members would be able to utilize the baseball and softball diamonds currently at Center Field into the evening. In addition his application is supported by the Recreation Committee. The lights would also be a potential revenue generator for the community with more of these events being able to be held at night. The committee made no action on this item and will discuss the application further at the next CPC meeting.

Outdoor Basketball Courts- Chair Torcia opened up the discussion to applicant Chris Devoie The applicant noted that he had received letters of support from athletic groups in town and the high school athletic director. The School Committee has also formally endorsed the proposal and the location that is proposed which will be between the tennis courts and football field at the high school. The project also will have some private funds that will help with specific items within the application. Currently there are no basketball courts at the high school. The applicant stated this wouldn't have an impact on community events that take place in the part of the high school. The committee made no action on this item and will discuss the application further at the next CPC meeting.

Agenda For Next Meeting

Chair Torcia indicated that at the next meeting the committee will be focused on the two remaining applications that didn't have any action taken on them upon new information provided to the committee. The next meeting is expected to be June 2nd with a time and location TBD.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

Motion was made by Anthony Zampiceni and seconded by Ralph Cooley

The motion passed unanimously 8-0.