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Parks & Recreation Commission

**SPECIAL MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES<sup>1</sup>  
SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2009  
1:00 P.M.**

**MOREHOUSE FARM PARK**

David C. Juneau  
*Chairman*

Committees:  
Administrative,  
Fields

Carlos Mello  
*Vice chairman*  
Committee:  
Aquatics

Nancy Babyak  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:  
Programs

Marc Butlein  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:  
Programs

Carl Bernstein  
*Commissioner*  
Committees:  
Fields, Parks

Patrick E. Kane  
*Commissioner*  
Committee:  
Aquatics

Robert A. Uzenoff  
*Commissioner*  
Committee: Admin-  
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The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission ("WPRC") held a special meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Morehouse Farm Park. Commissioners present: Carl Bernstein, Chairman David Juneau, Carlos Mello and Bob Uzenoff. Commissioners absent: Nancy Babyak, Marc Butlein and Pat Kane. Staff present: Weston Parks and Recreation Director David Ungar.

- 1) The commission viewed the park. We discussed the sparseness of the grass cover on the sloped hills along the entrance drive. Mr. Ungar explained this was partly due to past mowing practices and damage from mower wheels slipping on the slope. In response to a question, Mr. Ungar confirmed that this condition was noted in Dr. Dest's September 22, 2008 report, *Additional Recommendations 1* on page nine:

*The slopes surrounding the fields at Morehouse Farm Park and-Bisceglie Scribner Park should be left unmowed except for once per year to control woody vegetation that may encroach upon the slopes. The slopes are relatively steep and we noted some damage from mowing. There are fine leaf fescues on some of the slopes which do well under no-mow situations. However, some overseeding with fine leaf fescues (creeping red, chewings and hard fescues) will be required. Also the slopes should be fertilized to improve the stand of grass. Once this is achieved, fertilization will not be required. The fine leaf fescue are well adapted-to situations of low fertility. See recommendation for seed mixture for areas outside the playing surfaces in IPM program for Morehouse Farm Park dated July 9, 2002.*

<sup>1</sup> Approved by the Commission May 11, 2009.

Mr. Ungar assured the commissioners again he was implementing all of Mr. Dest's recommendations in their entirety and without exception.

At the request of the town administrator through Mr. Ungar, the commission viewed the proposed site of a potential 150-foot cellular telephone monopole antenna and transmitter. The location is marked on a drawing of MFP of July 2, 2002 labeled SITE PLAN – GRADING, DRAINAGE, SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL MORE-HOUSE FARM PARK. The tower would be centered approximately 460 feet from home plate of field five along a line extending from home plate through first base and approximately 80 feet from the eastern property line. The tower and equipment pad would be reached by an approximately 200-foot access road extending from the northeast corner of the parking lot.

The commission considered how the project could contribute the commission's fulfilling its duties. At our regular meeting we envisioned the potential of adding additional, recreational functions to the tower construction. For example, we considered recreational equipment storage or an observation deck or gazebo.

After viewing the site, we were unable to identify any potential recreational benefit that could be associated with the project.

The commissioners felt that, addressing the enumerated concerns below, a cell tower constructed at the proposed location could have minimal impact on the recreation experience at MFP.

#### ASSUMPTIONS/CONCERNS

1. The AT&T representative proposed a 150-FOOT monopole – no platforms on the tower - which would be a featureless vertical mast.
2. Visual – the installation would require electric power (200 amperes per carrier) and communication lines. These should not be visible to the public. We would expect buried cables with no disturbance of the existing park infrastructure (roads, parking areas, drainage, and so forth).
3. Visual – the structures should minimize visual impact and especially at eye level. We would want to see and approve any tree cutting plan. It may be desirable to change the access road from straight to an objectionable avoid line-of-sight from the park.
4. Visual – We would want one equipment building to handle the eventual number of carriers, rather than one 20-foot by 20-foot building per carrier.
5. Visual – any structures should be consistent with the character of the park, e.g. natural materials such as stone.

2) The commission adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Uzenoff