

Vancouver Field Sport Federation Quarterly Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2016 @ 6:30pm
Hillcrest CC, 4575 Clancy Loranger Way, 2nd Floor Room 328

Minutes

1. Call to Order & Introductions (6:36pm)
 - a. Craig Woods – President
 - b. Floyd Salazar – Acting Stenographer for Meeting
 - c. Jennifer Trach – Outdoor Field Coordinator, VPB
 - d. Darren Peterson – Acting Manager of Recreation, VPB
 - e. Jeff Whitehead and Dean Macintosh (?) – Maintenance, VPB
 - f. Casey Crawford – Commissioner, VPB
2. Review of Minutes from June 14th, 2016
 - Mary – Motion to accept, Floyd– Second, Carried.
3. Maintenance & Projects
 - a. Current maintenance activity
 - Chafer damaged is still a challenge on some fields,
 - Bobolink still has issues, Musqueam has issues but nematodes resolving it to a degree
 - Organic base fertilizer is having good results on sand based fields
 - Hired contractor to help with top dressing of fields as well as using internal resources
 - Darren Sherbot asked about maintenance of goal posts at Van Tech and if there was long term fix, There will be a further work on the goal posts to repair permanently with crew going out to repair in the coming week of September 26th,2016
 - Nanaimo Park: follow requested on closure of infield for repair, and reseed of grass. Question on when it will be closed.
 - Challenger field grass at Hillcrest: projection is next September 2017 ready for use.
 - Jericho East: Question of when will it be reopen for use? Pre-germination is done on the field and will be throughout the season to fill in holes faster.
 - Memorial Oval: Irrigation problems came up in the South west corner, water main damage occurred during the season, chafer damage occurred on the field.
 - Light timing issues and adjustment of timing on the fields,
 - Request to have lights go on 15mins earlier at Trillium and Livingstone during early dark times for safety
 - Slovan is slated to be top dressed and seeded,
 - b. Closures
 - Bobolink & Musqueam – chafer
 - Riverfront – possible daycare site TBC (no update)
 - Jericho East – for maintenance
 - c. Projects
 - Dog Use and friendly park
 - c..1. Consulting team hired to research use of parks by dog walker and parks users
 - c..2. Request user group to do the survey online to provide feedback, delegates will receive survey link and issued to all delegates for opinion
 - c..3. Open house October 1st location identified on parks board site, small group meetings open for attendance (Sept, 29th, oct 4 and 6)
 - c..3.a. Sunset community center, Roundhouse community centre

Hastings baseball field & fieldhouse Done

Hamber & Point Grey re-surfacing In Progress ETA Oct 2016
(Point Grey is done, overall good view of the field from field users)
(Hamber field scheduled to be open September 27th, 2016) Target Noon (permit holders will be notified as to the official opening of the field)

Memorial South field house (Complete- Open) ETA June 2016

Hamber/Oak Meadows field house In Progress ETA TBD – delayed

- Activity work will commence now and delay based on dependent work from other project

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Van Tech washrooms In Progress ETA July 2016

- Complete and codes have not be release to permit users

Hillcrest Challenger baseball In Progress ETA Sept 2016

- Diamond not open till Spring 2017, pushing contractor to complete deficiencies

- Challenger field complete

Brockton Oval cricket pitch In Progress ETA July 2016

- Complete

Columbia field house Not started Design and \$ TBD

- No update, not funded and on project list

Track & Field Facility Not started Location TBD

- Site selection: no update; Process will start this fall, discussion of site selection will begin again

Andy Livingstone

- Drainage issues

China Creek North park

- new washroom and discussion with VFSF in the future use

Field House Activation

- Delay in release because of a change in permit type process which must occur before releasing the facilities to the use groups whose applications where accepted for field house use. Required packages to be completed tentatively by end of 2016 for issuance to user groups.

d. Consultations

Advisory Committee on Park Use by People and Dogs – (no representative)

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Area Plan for False Creek Flats (Trillium & Strathcona) – Darcy, Anne, Rob

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Northeast False Creek Park Design Advisory Group – Anne, Floyd

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e. Others not covered above

Hillcrest drainage

- Field width is compromised because of drainage issues

Andy Livingstone drainage

- Consultant work going on to deal with review at the field and resolution to ongoing problems

4. Old business

a. Signage at fields – Peter Delaney (no update)

b. Andy Livingstone concerns – garbage, change-rooms, conflicts – VFC/VAFC

- Still issues with loose needles in bathrooms and fields;

- Trillium is experiencing issues with needles in the bathrooms;

- Telephone number to call for needle pick up: (will be distributed) , also call 3-1-1

b..1. Field users should call directly the needle pickup to help document the cases and help bring visibility to the issue

c. Kitsilano High School Turf Project – VSB/VUFC

- No progress and future development (18 months)

- VSB asked Parks board about operating field for them, lighting and maintenance (TBD)

- No permit for lights; (city issued permit)

- No funding for lighting from parks board; so VSB is still looking at issues,

d. Cricket nets at Memorial Park – damaged, how to replace?

- Proposal came forward and parks board cannot give funding for the repair, field user is looking to go back and partner with other groups to repair the nets (replacement vs repair)

5. New business

a. American Masters Games – any comments to share?

- No commentary, on impact to field impacts;

- Successful program;

b. Hillcrest Mini AT field – allocation update – Jennifer

- 4/5 youth groups have applied. (time permit 9-5 use time)

- Field is close to be ready and exterior of field work is still required and no date yet for opening

- Tentative opening is end of October

- Future discussion is placing lights at field for increased usage

6. Committees

- a. Long-term Planning: Anne (chair), Graeme, Geoff, Floyd, Wendy, Mary, Rob, Darcy
 - Data Collection project
 - a..1. Survey is being created to issue to members for data collection and future plan
 - a..2.
- b. AT Site: To be formed – waiting on assignment of VPB planner
 - Planned field in capital plan is up for debate.

7. Reminders

- AT fields
 - Please do not enter an AT field until your permitted time.
 - “Bumping” groups forward in time is not permitted and can result in the loss of booking.
 - Please use Boot Brushes before entering an AT site.
- Spring / Summer Renewals due Jan 2 - Feb 2.
- Fall / Winter Renewals are due between July 2 - August 2.
- Payment, insurance, and NPO number before permit is issued. Do not play without a permit.
- \$25.00 Admin fee and 10 business days to process refunds on paid permits.
- Sanitation and Park Rangers are reached by calling 311.
- Field Booking Office at Hillcrest: 4575 Clancy Loranger Way, Vancouver, BC, V5Y 2M4

8. Adjournment