



Board of Parks and Recreation Virtual Zoom Meeting Transcript February 24, 2021

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Gary Dell'Abate: just give a couple of things to remind everybody so just because we have to play by zoom coven rules when I may call the role or if I say who approves.

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Gary Dell'Abate: The Minutes everyone, you have to raise your hand one time, and I have to say your name, you have to say yes, yes, yes, and if anybody wants to speak, you can raise your hand there's.

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Gary Dell'Abate: there's a little button on the bottom of your zoom this is raise hand, and that is also for our participants who will want to ask questions later so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: With that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: start with a.

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Gary Dell'Abate: call to order and I need your approval of the January 27 meeting transcripts or he somebody to.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Angela.

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angela.swift: I approve the meeting minutes from July 21 meeting.

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Gary Dell'Abate: As a swift.

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angela.swift: Swift I approved.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, as soon as you want to say your name, so you want a second them.

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Sue Bodson: I see bots in seconds of meeting meeting minutes okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So, all in favor Scott Johnson.

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Scott Johnson: I proved.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Her tuber.

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kirkschubert: I approve.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Nancy chabon.

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Scott Johnson: Yes, yes i'm you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Just you know time you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: are just.

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RLoh: Look at.

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Gary Dell'Abate: me today.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I Nancy tape and approve.

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Gary Dell'Abate: rick.

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RLoh: I approve.

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Gary Dell'Abate: rick Lowe and front, even though.

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Frank DiVincenzo: I approve.

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Gary Dell'Abate: there's that out of the way so let's get right to it, Joe you can start with the directors report.

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Joseph Siciliano: and hold on a second now, good evening Joseph liana giving the directors report three topics i'd like to discuss tonight.

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Joseph Siciliano: First of all, partially to because scott's going to work on the east are going to civic Center report on the first one is that the department, we could go went to in front of the Budget Committee for our next year's budget, please put together a similar.

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Joseph Siciliano: PowerPoint presentation at that the board saw we actually use that as the foundation for the one for the BT.

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Joseph Siciliano: He did a great job as, why are they receptive received by the Board of the BT Budget Committee there's some questions about you know our capital and operating.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that pertain to the capital and operating in the in the parks and recreation budget, and since the the the eastern granted civic Center money is in the.

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Joseph Siciliano: tp ws budget I did attend that a week a week before our budget meeting and participated in the conversation all of it seemed to be well received.

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Joseph Siciliano: Some people, some people have some detailed questions but, all in all, we seem to get through the budget process relatively well.

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Joseph Siciliano: I don't have any real big surprises I don't think there'll be any big surprises for department we've met the goal of the BT guidelines, both for capital and for operating so.

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Joseph Siciliano: That that that seems to be in the works and it's in will know more, as they go to BT Budget Committee goes through the deliberations next week.

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Joseph Siciliano: For the budget and.

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kirkschubert: If so, that's that.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's the primary things we're talking about the a couple other little minor things and then i'll talk about the field study a little bit is that the you know when we're in the midst of you know, looking at our spring summer.

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Joseph Siciliano: programs for the.

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Joseph Siciliano: department, not only the ones that we provide but for others that use town facilities to provide services and we're trying to.

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Joseph Siciliano: Keep up the current guidance that's been put out by the State health department and also try to you know, look at our program base and others, so that we can assist people in helping them to work towards designing a program that will meet the protocols for the upcoming spring summer.

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Joseph Siciliano: opportunities now the interesting part about this is that we're in February we're doing this and, as things have progressed a little bit and.

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Joseph Siciliano: So we're planning, based on what we know today and we can modify based on what we find out as we go forward, because I would assume that more people get vaccinated the numbers drop the guidance, the protocols will change and we can then adjust our.

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Joseph Siciliano: program based, and we can assist others and helping them do the same so that's been a lot of work as to Schneider has been our point person.

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Joseph Siciliano: expert on all of the regulations that are out there and actually has done a lot of coordination for our own department and for others that have called in, and asked for.

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Joseph Siciliano: Assistance we've also looked at the you know, a wide range of special event programs, which we have in Greenwich each year, very few get off the ground last year and.

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Joseph Siciliano: A lot of the large scale events will be pushed to the fall they've elected to move some of their opportunities to fall, so that.

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Joseph Siciliano: They give it as much time as possible and we're talking about the food fest the town party, the car show and a few of these other large scale events that draw thousands of people.

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Joseph Siciliano: Not just hundreds and they're going to be looking at you know we resolve some dates and scheduling issues with them.

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Joseph Siciliano: For them to take their program into the fall, so that they would be able to have an opportunity to run a full.

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Joseph Siciliano: A full blown event and we'll hope that that happens so we're watching that and but we're look we're thinking ahead.

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Joseph Siciliano: we're looking at our own programs camps parents are now interested in more interested since children had been home from school, and this has been going on for over a year.

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Joseph Siciliano: That about what they will do with their child for the summer, such as day camps and other programs that we have.

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Joseph Siciliano: And we're trying to get that information to them so that they can make some selections on what they might want their children to participate in summer and also the spring and summer and also we put out electronically.

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Joseph Siciliano: All the renewals for a beach passes voting passes golf passes tennis passes they're all out there we're trying to use as much of the electronic renewal system that we can and we've tweaked a lot of that.

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Joseph Siciliano: blaze i'll just mention this, but ladies can talk a little bit more if he wants well we've gone we've taken a real hard line on social media and.

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Joseph Siciliano: starting to publicize on social media, a lot of opportunities about getting your passes programs that are coming up early bird specials that we have and.

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Joseph Siciliano: We were seeing the benefits of that and I think, ladies and our staff and Sue and Lenore and some of.

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Joseph Siciliano: nita some of our key people who've been working on this, to try to get this information out it's another form that we.

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Joseph Siciliano: had not explored to this length or depth yet and we are out there and we are seeing some of the benefits of that right now.

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Joseph Siciliano: In some of the replies that we get and people participating are getting getting the information across so it's been a great opportunity.

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Joseph Siciliano: The last thing I'd like to talk about is seems to be a an interesting topic which is the field report, let me just get a little information about this and background the field report, I was asked by the BT in.

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Joseph Siciliano: To put together a group of people, and we did, which consisted of parks and recreation staff.

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Joseph Siciliano: and other professionals in the that have interested interested parties in the in the fields and Board of ED Members to look at looking at the concept of.

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Joseph Siciliano: doing some background information collecting some background around information about utilization.

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Joseph Siciliano: And what the needs might be going into the future also looking at the fields that we currently may operate and maintain and having the consultant with TIM conflict or and don more are.

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Joseph Siciliano: Both make site visits to every field and catalogued information about conditions and amenities backstops Ada all of this information.

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Joseph Siciliano: And then the task was is to try to come up with some concept designs now, this seems that has created an interesting confusion, because the plan basically identified some very.

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Joseph Siciliano: I would say mild design changes and some of them were really out of the really thoughts that were out of the box and the sense that you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: They were just concepts that were put on a design piece of paper there's been no other design work done on these concepts.

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Joseph Siciliano: there's been no funding for these concepts there's been no other discussion about the concept, except that the BT at this year's at this.

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Joseph Siciliano: Budget meeting in February, asked me to look at the concepts to review them and to put them into some kind of yearly prioritization.

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Joseph Siciliano: If you know where appropriate, so that in future years, when we put when we look at the 15 year capital plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: We might want to consider one of the designs and refine it now, I put this statement on the cover of the report because i've been doing this, a long time and know.

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Joseph Siciliano: that people will jump right to the end conclusion and the incomplete What this really says is that, as you read through the study.

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Joseph Siciliano: It is important to realize that the information provided in the recommendation section or concepts which are which will require further discussion and development.

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Joseph Siciliano: that's what's going to have to happen, each one of those concepts will get vetted out somewhere if it falls within the capital.

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Joseph Siciliano: Capital of project plan and at some points will go to a camp, maybe a completely redesigned.

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Joseph Siciliano: They were just little thoughts that were put down by all of us to say, this is a possibility to do something like this, or something abbreviated like this, or something not like this at all.

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Joseph Siciliano: But to get them on paper, to see what the potential would be what's the task of what the scope of the rfp.

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Joseph Siciliano: was stated and what exactly what we did, and we there's no intention at this moment to move forward with any of these they have to be funded.

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Joseph Siciliano: They have to be most of them will have to go through planning and zoning because it's a major reconstruction.

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Joseph Siciliano: And all you have to go to MIT there's a whole bunch of things that have to take place and it has to get funded.

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Joseph Siciliano: So there is no funding for any of these concepts, the only thing I have left to do is to look at the.

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Joseph Siciliano: Look at the look at the concepts and try to prioritize them as the which ones would make more sense from the forward side.

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Joseph Siciliano: Which ones might make some sense in the middle and which one might make any sense at the end at all, I mean by the time you get past five years on one of these capital plans.

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Joseph Siciliano: what's really valid and what's really not and that's going to be the goal to do that with the group and we're going to take a stab at it.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, internally, a little bit will work with the consultant, and then we'll bring it back to the group and say.

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Joseph Siciliano: This is the prioritization that we're going to submit, none of this is guaranteed to get funded at any time at any level.

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Joseph Siciliano: And the, the issue was here is to try to figure out how can we think out of the box, a little bit.

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Joseph Siciliano: Where can we go to get some more field space, how can we reconfigure can we do a reorientation of the field and pick up some outfield practice fields, etc.

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Joseph Siciliano: And some of it, you know, and I know the folks at laughlin avenue are very concerned, even as a six o'clock this evening I had.

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Joseph Siciliano: somebody who lives over in a lawful in our area, say, do we need the parking well, we probably might not because we haven't designed the really the field, yet we've designed some concepts for thought.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that's always really out there, so I have been getting emails from folks that have read the report, most of them have come from the laughlin avenue area some from Bruce park and a couple.

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Joseph Siciliano: For some other school grounds and what I will do as part of the report is, I will attach them to the report, to make sure that.

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Joseph Siciliano: Where the report goes that these comments follow the report as a as a paper trail, so that at some point now or in the future when there's discussion items about various sections of towns are playing field locations.

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Joseph Siciliano: The comments that we receive will be incorporated into an addendum of the report and people can be able to read those also so that's the intense.

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Joseph Siciliano: It was never any more or less than that, and I know it's created quite a stir but I put that comment in the forward section.

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Joseph Siciliano: Of the cover of the report because I anticipated that people would be upset that we kind of got a little bit out of the box, but conceptually that some of these things might be able to happen.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that they would be concerned that they didn't want it in their neighborhood or their backyard and so that's the reason why the comment was clearly stated in forward letter of the report that's that's there's not anything more or less to this to that.

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Joseph Siciliano: I.

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Joseph Siciliano: will be working on this project.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, so, so I know there's a lot of people here that want to talk we're going to save them when we get to the public comment but.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Just because Scott and I have also taken a lot of calls, I just want to throw you a couple of questions that I think will will answer with some people here one of the.

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Gary Dell'Abate: One of the questions I got is we have around \$300,000 for park improvements and that you could use that money to do whatever you want, without going through an AMA.

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Joseph Siciliano: So I will answer that question and it's very simple Gary that's \$300,000 will absolutely bias nothing Okay, and these bigger concepts programs.

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Joseph Siciliano: My statement to the BT when they asked about the \$300,000 is that I said I would use that to in the pro in the report and identify several maintenance issues.

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Joseph Siciliano: drainage.

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Joseph Siciliano: overseeing and irrigation and I said I would I would select several fields where it made sense to do that improvement with that \$300,000.

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Joseph Siciliano: And that was my commitment to the BT at last week's meeting it was always the commitment because \$300,000 is really not going to bias any portion of any one of these plants that have been designed.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, another question I have i'm looking at the front page of the report and it says it's an athletic field study does it does anywhere in the report does it say it as a master plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: No, not that i'm aware of, I mean we always stepped to the title of study.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, it was a concept that the BT wanted and we use that we use the verbiage study.

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Joseph Siciliano: Because we were out there just speculating on some things you know, and it was collecting information and speculating and also validating some of the issues that we've heard from some of the stakeholders about field conditions.

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Joseph Siciliano: Not enough scheduling time not enough space for their organization, they have to go elsewhere to rent.

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Joseph Siciliano: And so, part of it was that part there was the current conditions of the turf conditions, and then there were the concepts, with some of the amenities that we're actually.

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Joseph Siciliano: Not that we don't have some of our locations such as you know, better backstops better stands for the for the spectators safety, the safety issues for the players Ada access to some of our fields so that's all incorporated in there too.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, so I know there are a lot of people on here want to talk about we're going to get the public comment, so thank you, Joe and now over to Scott and soon we're going to talk about the Foundation.

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Scott Johnson: Is care so on.

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Scott Johnson: The Foundation has gotten a number of requests recently which we like about projects that could be possibly used.

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Scott Johnson: With the Foundation as a charitable vehicle so two things have come up recently one was, I think, reported last month.

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Scott Johnson: About a beautification project for the post road quarter, I think, generally across from pizza post that area right there, and the reason I mentioned, that is because the answer is yes, if it's a viable project and it's one that.

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Scott Johnson: The department is review and approve it doesn't have to have necessarily PNC approval at that point, yes it's a it's a parks and rick.

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Scott Johnson: Type project it doesn't have to be perfectly within a narrow scope so that's a good idea i'm Daddy crowd i'm contacting me for another good example.

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Scott Johnson: Which is a beautification plan for what's your fridge was plentiful green and the answer there, just like the friends of Byron park.

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Scott Johnson: Is yes we're all for it, so you get organized you do kind of a mission statement and once you know, once you know it's a project that's going to go forward.

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Scott Johnson: And people not not so much seed money, but ultimately people contribute to a project that we kind of know what they're going to do let's say, for example, of landscape beautification of Byron park.

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Scott Johnson: Yes, it works it's a great idea so it's not just limited to the earmark funds, we have now where the air more categories on so, for example, Nancy us to for me.

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Scott Johnson: And it was perfect for benny we've done it for another project but don't forget about like scholarship programs camper ship programs so ensue.

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Scott Johnson: can talk about that you know, a significant number of campers were on scholarship so it's not just about on part maintenance or skating programs it's about a lot of other things, so we now have suboxone Angeles swift both.

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Scott Johnson: knowledgeable fundraising people on the Foundation and they're going to hopefully start some PR about it and go out and look for money for any project it's not just.

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Scott Johnson: The hockey rink reasonable and civic Center it could be seed money to help to pay expenses.

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Scott Johnson: The only expenses which we have, which are unfortunate but we're required to do it is accounting expenses because.

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Scott Johnson: it's an irs you know reviewing entity, so we have to get a lot of it and that's that's about \$6,000 a year, and so that kind of expense, we would like to have subsidized so anyway, let me turn it over to sue and Angela if you want and Sue you, you had some ideas, want to talk about that.

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Sue Bodson: Sure thanks Scott, can you hear me I did I unmute okay perfect yeah so I actually have now spoken to do Siano also about this, I think there's a we have a great opportunity here with the Foundation and not just for.

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Sue Bodson: The items that we all know about, but like passive recreation items at Scott some things that Scott mentioned, but also with the capital potential capital campaigns coming up and.

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Sue Bodson: And I have experienced with brick and mortar capital campaigns and they're they're definitely a very different animal.

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Sue Bodson: And, and I know we have the capacity to help support the town in this area with a with public private partnerships.

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Sue Bodson: But it has to be set up correctly obviously and there's very specific steps that need to be taken and I see the Foundation as a great vehicle to help support that.

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Sue Bodson: I think some of the things that we need to do off the BAT is obviously update the website think it's a little outdated with information.

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Sue Bodson: I think, right now, people are donating online very easily and hardly through there there's a PayPal code that I know needs to be updated, but I was talking to Joe about a qr code.

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Sue Bodson: We can we can create a qr code, it makes it really easy to people just point their camera on it and it it's like that.

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Sue Bodson: I was pleasantly I Joe shared with me that there was an an email blast that went out for.

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Sue Bodson: donations for a program and they got the parks and REC foundation got donation so it's it's really ripe for the picking I think we just need to make sure that we.

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Sue Bodson: You know, set it up properly and and set up, in particular the capital campaigns on when we go down that road to you know map the construct for that.

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Sue Bodson: You know bricks park benches beautification all of that is great, and I think, once we have the vehicle setup i'm looking at the website, right now, once we have it set up properly I think it'll be.

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Sue Bodson: really just a home run and and really easy to do, I did have a question I did ask Joe and now lenore it who runs this website is it town run to you know Scott and Gary is it.

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Scott Johnson: Firstly, it's basically.

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Scott Johnson: Like everything else in town, one by one or.

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Sue Bodson: Okay, but we still we don't have to go through it's not owned by the town.

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Scott Johnson: The foundation own service yeah but it's it's it's controlled by the town because of lenore.

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Scott Johnson: Okay, so when we want to make a change let's say we have to update the board of directors, we just we just do it fill in the war.

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Scott Johnson: When we request checks for distribution the on the donor or the particular entity will contact window or within contacted accountants and then they make sure it's approved, and then we write out the checks.

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Okay.

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Sue Bodson: Okay, well, I again in my fundraising experience I, I see this as a great opportunity for us to fund a variety of of activities and projects.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So we should also be thinking about not only you know I know you're just get it, you get your hands wet and you're just getting it functioning.

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Gary Dell'Abate: At some point we should think about like maybe a media campaign, whether it's in the local paper or on some of the local stations or whatever to you know to drum up business as law.

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angela.swift: yeah I was actually you read remind gary's going to say that similar to other foundations that i've been on, I think we have.

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angela.swift: Right now, a large influx of young families that have just moved to this town somewhere in the neighborhood i've heard right or wrong around 1200 new families, because of.

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angela.swift: coven 2020 and moved to this town, they are all looking to actively get involved, they moved to this town for the soul, one of the reasons, was what we have to offer, we have the.

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angela.swift: Greenwich moms network we have in Greenwich JESSICA read who's helps out with another campaign, I think.

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00:23:45.090 --> 00:23:56.940

angela.swift: So maybe it's you and I, we first you know do a meeting of the mind with these social media people to get them on board, I even got a call the other day, asking for someone whose son wants to do a bar mitzvah bar mitzvah.

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angela.swift: You know, again doing a donation strictly during coven to the town to a beautification project I see all of this, as really viable, and again I agree with Sue if we have to have to be done the right way and so i'm overly confident with you that we can we can knock this out of the ballpark.

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Great.

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00:24:18.750 --> 00:24:20.400

Gary Dell'Abate: Scott anything else on the foundation.

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Scott Johnson: And that's it.

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00:24:22.170 --> 00:24:30.210

Gary Dell'Abate: So we're good yep okay chairman's report so just really quickly, I want to talk we're going to update, one of the subcommittee's.

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Gary Dell'Abate: On the field can be we're going to add two Members to that which is going to be Mike with chino and Angela SWIFT.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Scott and I are already on it and frank is on it as well, it used to be three and you kind of need to have three and Scott and I are get pulled in a lot of different directions so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Scott, and I feel having a few more people on there for one of us can't make it the other one can, and that gives us more and then you know again.

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Gary Dell'Abate: nancy's doing these committees and she's kind of doing them alone so anybody who wants to step up or even just give Nancy a call to ask what she's working on and see how you can help would be really helpful.

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Gary Dell'Abate: In that area, so.

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00:25:15.270 --> 00:25:17.910

Gary Dell'Abate: With that rick wants to tell us what's going on at the rink.

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RLoh: So there's really not too much to report we're waiting for the survey that is in process to be completed.

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RLoh: which will then go to.

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RLoh: The architects, as they begin working up the began working up the initial plans that I don't know I haven't talked to our so I don't know if the snow slowed the survey down, but I thought the original date was.

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RLoh: I think was a late February early March any.

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Joseph Siciliano: So this the survey does this slow down because of the snow yes yeah okay okay.

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RLoh: So that's really what we're waiting on.

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RLoh: Really, no further developments unless somebody's got some questions that.

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RLoh: That I might be able to help with otherwise it's kind of the same thing I said last month.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: um civic Center Center start setting up.

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Scott Johnson: yeah, let me start with that so.

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Scott Johnson: We are approved by a RC last month, that means that we go back to P amp Z for final site plan, and in this case it's actually pretty minor.

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Scott Johnson: There were some arca changes that I think everyone was pretty excited about a RC in general, was very complimentary of the changes that the architects did.

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Scott Johnson: Craig Kramer did some really neat landscaping suggestions and some planting ideas that everyone really liked.

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Scott Johnson: So that means we take those plans go back to final site plan at P amp Z which is.

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Scott Johnson: Not a rubber stamp it's a much simplified procedure another example was there was a modification to the fence there's modifications some circulation.

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Scott Johnson: But that is on for March 16 once that is finalized were then done with land use approvals and how goes back to be et to get our next tranche.

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Scott Johnson: of construction already so we have \$300,000 out for architectural fees now once we get final approval et requires us to go back to them and we get the next \$500,000 or so.

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Scott Johnson: And then the architects work on construction drawings and he's two guys civic Center people we are not done, because now.

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Scott Johnson: Now we do interiors which we do want to be involved in at least I know I do i'm Kirk does and so that's going to happen when they start to develop those plans, but that won't be for a while i'm.

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Scott Johnson: Scott hey i'm just which was one more thing today.

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Scott Johnson: Elsa needed to be at the updates tip so, which means the budget, the numbers as adjusted so, for example, there's things in there, like.

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Scott Johnson: orders REP figures, which means you know the owners wrap this kind of two towns construction.

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Joseph Siciliano: manager.

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Scott Johnson: In addition to the outside construction manager and those numbers haven't haven't been reviewed haven't been approved and they'll obviously be.

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Scott Johnson: On lots of comments, like the ETA on that, but that's one of the most important be T stages on Miriam you can maybe speak on that, but that obviously has to be approved, because nothing can go forward really into those preliminary numbers are fine tune and approved.

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Scott Johnson: But that hopefully if anything's continues as it's been we get the next architectural money and construction drawings and interiors will be further developed.

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Gary Dell'Abate: got big picture, just for everybody, theoretically, you just lay it out for us break ground early next year.

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Scott Johnson: That the premise that's what i've been saying.

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Scott Johnson: You know, to to your construction project generally on things like this.

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Scott Johnson: have some surprises, but on the normal sequencing you know, a big delay occurs now with the development of specs on construction drives and specs.

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Scott Johnson: And then the pricing has to get fine tuned and then it goes out to bid and that's a that's a complicated process when a municipal project, so he said that usually will be done.

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Scott Johnson: If things go well, towards the end of the year, so that a contractor can be chosen cms can be chosen owners REPS can be chosen and then we're off to the races great.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Great Sue what is going on with the field committee.

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Sue Snyder: Good evening, nothing is going on with the field committee haven't had a meeting and quite a while and fields are currently closed so.

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Sue Snyder: Sorry sorry to say nothing to report.

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Gary Dell'Abate: But that in itself in and of itself is a report.

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Gary Dell'Abate: That Nancy you want to talk about vinnie park and pomerance you thought about both of those.

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Nancy Chapin: hey.

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Nancy Chapin: There you go so i'm kind of on a slow connection, so if I lose you so benny are the committee has not met, the only thing that I might raise just to add to the if you're taking notes and comments on that field report I did happen to read through it.

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Nancy Chapin: And for benny just I noticed, they were going to talk about putting in 90 parking spaces so.

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Nancy Chapin: I just would ask that maybe for the bitty committee should they look at that parcel going forward just to bring in some of the.

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Nancy Chapin: You know, to recognize that there's been a management plan for that park and I guess, my question is what whether they looked at that management plan when they made that recommendation.

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Joseph Siciliano: Nancy I want to come out and because I think this is going to be an ongoing thing as we go through the meeting tonight.

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Joseph Siciliano: It was just concepts of field locations put down on a piece of paper okay.

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Joseph Siciliano: We do understand clearly that if we increase the capacity of some of the rectangle fields that we might have to come up with a parking plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: We looked at some available space for where that might happen, but again, none of this is going to know this can happen without all of this to go through every.

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Joseph Siciliano: committee not only the department, it has to go to the board of parks and recreation, it has to go to planning and zoning, it has to go to the BT for funding.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know so it'll all get vetted out at some point and we clearly understand that, as I said, some of the concepts were easy to put in and some of them were pretty pretty.

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Joseph Siciliano: Pretty radical and out there, but we got them all on paper, and now we can go back and you know figure it out, I would imagine.

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Joseph Siciliano: That probably 90% of those design concepts that have been put in paper on paper will be adjusted modified or even eliminated as we go through the next part of the process and into the future capital project year.

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Scott Johnson: hey Gary, let me just let me add to that one of the aspects of the report that I saw and I took it I got in late was that there was on.

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Scott Johnson: Some good news there in that there were a number of facilities that had the ability to reorient a particular field.

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Scott Johnson: move it in a different direction or change the location of a baseball diamond to a softball diamond or to a different portion of the facility so take Chilean curtis as an example the one of the baseball fields can be moved over.

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Scott Johnson: Which is not an expensive thing I think they put \$20,000 or something crazy but anyway and.

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Scott Johnson: Then there's, as you know, there's already parking plenty of parking at JC or lot of the other schools, so if there is.

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Scott Johnson: An initiative to go forward with finding a field or improving a field, you can take what right now is let's just say a you 12 soccer size healed.

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Scott Johnson: turn it into a bigger field so arguably high school practices and i'm not playing that turf around they're talking about spending a lot of money in the field.

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Scott Johnson: You can just reorient that field you don't need to do any parking at all, and you probably don't need to go for an MRI so I saw.

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Scott Johnson: About seven locations that could accommodate additional fields face without any parking because it's already there so.

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Scott Johnson: I, for one, if you look at the perspective of preserving arm park space there's a lot of good news, there, I see no reason to go into a.

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Scott Johnson: place being used as a let's say a neighborhood park and put in parking because we have seven other facilities that can do it without market so that was good news to me.

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Joseph Siciliano: Scott, I agree with you on that, because you know, obviously we're going to be any of this will be competing with the total capital budget for the town each year.

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Joseph Siciliano: So these these simpler, you know more identifiable projects that could do something like that that could give us a baseball diamond and an outfield space to have a practice space or even a.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, a game space, would be the ones that we would look at.

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Joseph Siciliano: First, because they're going to be the cost will be lower and the possibility of being successful we would much greater than building a parking lot and all of this other so.

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Joseph Siciliano: As we go through the prioritization is those are the ones that are going to be front loaded you know and because, why not do those first, but as I said, the money that's been appropriated to \$300,000 which, in the budget is called field improvements okay plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: says that you know I made a commitment to the BT or we could go that we would use that for drainage.

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Joseph Siciliano: overseeing and irrigation, so that we could we could you know build our current inventory into something that's more usable.

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Joseph Siciliano: The drainage will be most important because, right now, if we get a rainy day happening to rain, some of our fields are closed for a day or two or three.

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Joseph Siciliano: If we could, if we could cut that time frame and a half, by doing some quick fix drainage then we've helped ourselves and the users, because.

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Joseph Siciliano: From a scheduling standpoint, the users can you know play sooner from from from a maintenance standpoint, the field will perform better.

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Joseph Siciliano: And we've done all of ourselves a favor by just doing that kind of thing so Those are the things with the 300,000 that we're going to be looking at first.

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Joseph Siciliano: And then we'll look at the small reorientation of fields and some other things, and then the larger projects would probably be at the end.

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Joseph Siciliano: If they survive at all so that's the plan sorry Nancy you're up.

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Nancy Chapin: So, as far as many as I said, there really isn't a whole lot report we will probably reconvene, as I said at the last meeting when the weather gets nicer.

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Nancy Chapin: So that's it for me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And what about comments.

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Nancy Chapin: so well, I had a long conversation with Joe this evening so.

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Nancy Chapin: I understand that I know we had planned to maybe take a vote, but I gather the recommendation is that we're postponing any vote on any kind of formation of a parks and REC committee okay.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you.

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Joseph Siciliano: But I don't think that should eliminate the possibility of you know that's a formal more formalized committee so.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know we've also talked about Nancy about starting out smaller with a friends of group and looking at some you know, can do things.

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Joseph Siciliano: And is that the intent now because there is a group of people having these discussions now.

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Joseph Siciliano: So let's have it if you're going to have something let's have something a little bit more formal for the friends of group, and then it can maybe morph into a group that could support a master plan for Palmer and stuff.

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Joseph Siciliano: We talked about that also so is that part of what you would like to do.

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Nancy Chapin: So I I think I was some left's a little bit confused, so I think I need to maybe have a longer conversation with Joe and be clear on what we're going to do, moving this forward so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So, as I like to say we'll take it offline and we will discuss it again at the next meeting you guys.

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Joseph Siciliano: I think I think that trying to the next meeting.

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Joseph Siciliano: Nancy Joe and Gary and Scott is the Co chair should have this conversation and have and come up with something that's going to work for everybody, so I would make that suggestion that we can have a conference call a zoom meeting, whatever it takes and get it resolved.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, we are overdue a meeting with answers for sure.

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Nancy Chapin: right that sounds like a plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: Thank you Okay, thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Any new business from the board.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright, so this is the part where we're going to take public comment, so what I would say is.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Like I said at the bottom here, you could raise your hand if you're on the phone, so you have to phone callers you can hit star nine.

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Gary Dell'Abate: If you want to raise your hand I will I will introduce you, but some people are only here by one name, so when I do introduce you just please just start by stating your full name.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And i'll say, if you have a question that's fine if you have a statement let's keep it under two minutes so i'm going to start with faith and faith I don't know your last name because it's not on here so fake state your name and.

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Faith: Yes, Hello i'm i'm thinking torabi I live at 31 strickland road in COs cob can you hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, we can great.

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Faith: i'm my husband Doris and I have been living here on strickland road for 30 years you might know our House it's the big yellow house on top of the hill.

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Faith: near the Bush holly house, we are also the owners of number seven laughlin avenue, which we purchased a couple years ago in the hopes of possibly one day if we downsize and retire, and we can't live in this big House any longer, that we would love to stay in.

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Faith: Class calm and this neighborhood and off the House around the corner for potentially that purpose and on I I have.

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Faith: My i've never been on one of these meetings before so forgive me if i'm you know, out of line or i'm not saying the right thing, or something like that, but.

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Faith: I I got news of this whole project yesterday via an email, which went viral in our neighborhood and I will say that in 30 years i've never seen.

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Faith: So much immediate concern by people who do not know each other and don't talk to each other over on the upset of the possibility of whatever might be planned for the loughlin.

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Faith: park it's you know it's a lovely.

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Faith: Beautiful little park that serves this COs cob neighborhood like something a throwback from another time but, at the moment.

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Faith: The the area has changed to this beautiful family when I first moved here there wasn't anybody who was you know, a young family with children and now there's all kinds of lovely families who are using this park on there all the time dog watchers and watches dog walkers and.

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Faith: People taking walks with their children and kids playing and all the holidays, the kids you know before coven were on the swings it's just it's really lovely and it is so beloved.

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Faith: And the reason why I like to make a public comment is because I don't know how to get the people who do these studies to incorporate um the the feelings and the wishes and desires of the people who live in the neighborhood who use this park on an account on this park as part of.

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Faith: You know the quality of their life I do see when there's you know, in the summertime in the spring is lots of soccer players, which is nice and so forth.

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Faith: But and baseball little league my kids all played in those leaves and it was very charming, but I think that the park really needs to be for.

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Faith: Primarily, first and foremost the use and enjoyment of the people who live in the neighborhood and I was was respectfully request.

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Faith: some kind of information to figure out how we can you know, have a friends of laughlin park or group that who has opinions are.

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Faith: incorporated into any future plans to adjust modify or eliminate if you have plans, the vast majority, I mean, I would say, without exception, I haven't heard one person negative I wouldn't think that you should eliminate plans to do anything to laughlin park.

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Gary Dell'Abate: A fake fake we're giving you a lot of time have well over two minutes.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Or we just want to make sure before we address what you said, do you have any specific questions.

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Faith: um yes, I want to know what is what is an m I keep on saying i'd be able, we would be able to do something without an.

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Gary Dell'Abate: SME.

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Joseph Siciliano: dancer dancer.

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Joseph Siciliano: An EMI is required by the town of Greenwich for prod projects have a certain scope, and that means that it starts out by a project scope is developed.

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Joseph Siciliano: And it has bought brought in front of the board of selectmen for their approval so that's the first public hearing, if you know that that happens.

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Joseph Siciliano: it's part of the public hearing process it then goes to being Z for planning and zoning they also consider the public hearing and an EMI.

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Joseph Siciliano: And then it would go, obviously, it has to be follow the budgetary process of the dollars being appropriated So those are all public input sessions.

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Joseph Siciliano: I want to tell you something that I grew up here in Greenwich i've spent 41 years of my career here in Greenwich.

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Joseph Siciliano: And I clearly understand each neighborhood and it was not not not to be I didn't mean to offend anybody.

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Joseph Siciliano: But at the end of the day, I clearly know how these projects goes, where you have to get the involvement from the neighbors you have to get the buy in from the section of town.

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Joseph Siciliano: You have to get all of that stuff done in order to get any of these projects approve.

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Joseph Siciliano: As I said in the beginning, just concepts on a piece of paper for some thought, and some possibilities of what might could happen.

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Joseph Siciliano: But there is there's nothing in the works at the moment and and I would clearly say that this has a long road to go, if anything, were ever happened at laughlin avenue park or any of the other locations actually to.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you, Joe Thank you say.

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Faith: hey I just add one thing.

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Faith: Sure well first i'd like to compliment parks and REC for what they've done it cost cod Park, which is really an amazing feat and on a fabulous addition to cost cobb I can talk walk my dog there and it did take like more than 30 years to get that concept.

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Faith: into fruition and my hat is off to everybody there I just all the people in COs cob their main desire is to be part of the input and not to have this designed and decided without our are very strong and passionate input.

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Gary Dell'Abate: And it hasn't been nothing's been decided, so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So we're all on the same page on that.

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Faith: Okay, thank you for your time, I appreciate it.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you, our next we're going to speak to debbie K and debbie i'm not even gonna try to say your last name, so please identify ourselves.

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Debbie Krauthaim: Okay i'm debbie crowd time and Scott mentioned to me earlier because he and I had a great conversation, a few days ago about the Glenville beautification project that we're working on.

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Debbie Krauthaim: And it actually We actually had a meeting today and some questions came up, so I thought well i've got Scott on the line here.

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Debbie Krauthaim: Can you tell me Scott, if we do go through the.

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Debbie Krauthaim: foundation um, are there any restrictions on which vendors that we use for say park benches or landscaping etc, etc, so, in other words, do we have to use town approved vendors, if we go through the Foundation, or are we allowed to really do whatever we want yeah.

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Scott Johnson: The answer is yes.

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Scott Johnson: Because it's a quota town project so it's got to go through the town construction guidelines like insurance and all that kind of stuff it's got to be.

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Scott Johnson: It out but that's what that's what the departure departure, it does every day so it's not it's not necessarily going to slow you down and the best example it might be park benches.

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Scott Johnson: You know, we had a requisition we have a vendor that's known and approved um any, for example, Nancy had vendors for landscaping it does have to go through the process but it's not true story now.

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Debbie Krauthem: Okay, because there was some concerns that the town uses very expensive vendors and we're trying to keep our costs down and.

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Debbie Krauthem: let's say in this scenario, say we weren't going through the parks and REC foundation, we set up our own 501 C three would we still have to follow those same restrictions.

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Scott Johnson: yeah because it's town.

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Debbie Krauthem: Property yeah that's what I figured.

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Scott Johnson: There have been exceptions, I don't need to get into it.

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Scott Johnson: But, for example, we have prevailing wage requirements.

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Scott Johnson: Some of the projects down at the beach found ways to go around it, but.

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Scott Johnson: it's it's not trust me it's the simplest way to do it.

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Debbie Krauthem: yeah well, I actually have to agree with you, and I was really excited to to hear Sue speak about fundraising and some of her ideas and and you know we'd love to partner on that too.

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Scott Johnson: Right.

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Joseph Siciliano: debbie at some point we'd like to see the design.

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Debbie Krauthaim: Yes.

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Joseph Siciliano: we're not there.

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Debbie Krauthaim: we're not there yet we're working with Jim michaels and.

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Debbie Krauthaim: We talking to the architects and so yes.

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Joseph Siciliano: We should be talking to our part superintendent Gregory.

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Joseph Siciliano: Kramer who's on the.

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Joseph Siciliano: Call here to.

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Debbie Krauthaim: he's the next one on the list for a conference call oh.

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Joseph Siciliano: Okay, great Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Catherine hall will be speaking next.

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Katherine LoBalbo: whoo good evening.

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Katherine LoBalbo: Thank you for for having us having me.

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Katherine LoBalbo: And I just wanted, I wanted to say i'm a resident at 52 laughlin of avenue and seven seven years old and Chair of the park and REC committee.

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Katherine LoBalbo: You know, huge advocate for open green or active green space, but the park and REC committee over the years, even under under previous leadership's always said passive space has to be.

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Katherine LoBalbo: You know it can't be at the sacrifice our active spaces cannot take into our passive um you know you know, one of the recommendations in the report was you know find new land, you know other recommendations for just increased and improved maintenance I think there's.

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Katherine LoBalbo: A lot of positive and the report and I was a huge advocate for the inventory and I think that that it's great that we have the inventory on paper.

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Katherine LoBalbo: That said, the proposals for laughlin are deeply misguided and i'd like to see this a living document and have have these options redacted from the laughlin I just there they're very impractical there's you know there's out of the box and there's you know, out of the universe.

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Katherine LoBalbo: And there's really just no starting point there, so my one question is, you know, Joe I don't know if i'm waiting to see you know the.

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Katherine LoBalbo: The 2223 budget, you know, to find out how we're prioritizing these So how are we going to keep up transparency and and the ability, you know for for the average, the average Joe to know what what goes on, as you make this these decisions and what's the timeline for that.

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Joseph Siciliano: The timeline is for for to look at the report and to come up with some list of prioritization that would be submitted to the 15 year capital plan by text October, so I mean so that's a long way away.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, and also, you know what you know and and listeners, I take the public comments very seriously in the sense that you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: But at the end of the day, i'm you know, to go back and redact every one of these would defeat the purpose of the report because the reports scope was to look at.

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Joseph Siciliano: Exactly some of the things that we talked about what's real what may be a little out of the box and what may be totally out of the box.

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Joseph Siciliano: Because that's the information from the user groups and the people that have made years and years worth of complaints that branch is not progressive enough when it comes to using.

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Joseph Siciliano: Developing fields or field maintenance or what we do in our fields we travel all over the state of Connecticut and see beautiful fields those folks are a little bit more progressive so at the end of the day.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, our goal is to come up with a prioritization list by October of this 2021.

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Joseph Siciliano: It will get posted in the budget, or I should say placeholders will be putting the budget.

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Joseph Siciliano: And then the conversation starts about what's real what's not real is, are we going to provide the money isn't the BT going to provide the money, are we going to do with slight redesign.

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Joseph Siciliano: And, none of this is really etched in stone, I mean this is a, this is the starting point for what could come in the future, and I know people are afraid of that, but I know that, as I said, 90% of these designs.

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Joseph Siciliano: Concepts will get redesigned or re oriented or eliminated as we go through this process and, basically, you know this, the field, the recommendation section.

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Joseph Siciliano: At somewhere down the road will not even look like what's on the paper, right now, because it's going to get refined.

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Joseph Siciliano: Many times so um so that the the goal would be to say Okay, you know, this would be this field would make most sense.

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Joseph Siciliano: In the first year of the budgetary process, this will make most sense of the 15th year this one has no sense whatsoever, maybe won't even make the 15 year capital plan.

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Joseph Siciliano: And at all so that's what's going to have to happen, the field committee will get back together at some point, look at the what we've kind of laid out on paper and.

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Joseph Siciliano: Again it's just a it's just a placeholder for what potentially could get designed, or maybe not designed at all at some of those locations.

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Joseph Siciliano: And 15 or 22 of these plans are going to make the 15 year capital plan.

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Gary Dell'Abate: and Joe I just want to jump in and say you know if it were if it were to move to the next step if somebody who was on earlier had said.

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Gary Dell'Abate: How do they get involved, you know we put to get we put together a committee for the civic Center, but what we did is we took people we took people who represented.

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Gary Dell'Abate: different aspects of the town, who were on you know more local organizations for that particular area, so there will be room for to be heard for everybody.

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Joseph Siciliano: yeah do I think after doing this for 41 years that we were going to go slide this under the rug know I work with every section of every community.

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Joseph Siciliano: In the whole town of grants, I know exactly you know I could have predicted what the comments were going to be and that's why I wrote that forward to the to the to the report, to say that it's just it's about design and discussion and that's what needs to happen next.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you Kathy.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Parker Stacey has her his or her hand raised.

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Parker Stacy: Can you hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Yes, hi Parker.

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Parker Stacy: hi so I live on one kinsmen lane, and I am just appalled at this, the results of this study.

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Parker Stacy: It seems just unbelievable to me that anybody would in the right mind recommend a two and a half million dollar expense.

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Parker Stacy: To create some kind of a field and some parking in Greenwich parking and Bruce park and there are so many other ways to spend that kind of money, I mean if you want to spend two and a half million dollars on Bruce Park, please come to me, I will tell you how to do it.

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Parker Stacy: They said they went to stakeholders.

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Parker Stacy: They didn't come to me they didn't come to any of the other neighbors as near as I know, it sounds like they didn't come to the laughlin neighbors either.

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Parker Stacy: You know the field that they want to completely reconfigure is used by moms with kids who run around in the grass there all the time.

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Parker Stacy: They choose for pickup soccer games.

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Parker Stacy: touch football games, you see dads kicking the ball and Sean their kids how to do it.

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Parker Stacy: So I just find it amazing that this thing ever made it to light, without any kind of input from some of the other stakeholders, besides the people who want a better field for themselves.

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Parker Stacy: You know they suggest in the Bruce park reconfiguration.

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Parker Stacy: They they use the word remove which means cut down, they want to remove the tree from it and and do a lot of other things to from the triangle which abuts the baseball the softball field.

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Parker Stacy: That tree is probably the most beautiful tree in the fall in Bruce park it's the very first one to start to turn yellow and red.

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Parker Stacy: it's a signal for all of us that fall is approaching.

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Parker Stacy: It just is amazing to me and really unacceptable that anybody would put out a report and just say remove that tree without checking with anybody to see what that might mean.

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Parker Stacy: That is i'm not even going into the reconfiguration of kinsmen lane, which would, among other things, meaning my driveway would be completely reconfigured nothing mentioned in there about that.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Alright Parker I appreciate your comments just because we're like close to three minutes but um it's on the record, and I appreciate it is there anybody else who would like to speak, you can raise your hand.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Robert stern.

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Robert Sterling: Thank you Gary can you all hear me.

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Gary Dell'Abate: We can't Thank you.

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Robert Sterling: rob sterling cross lane and cost cobb obviously concerned with laughlin part just want to address your initial question Gary and some other points masterplan where did that idea come from it's actually when you download the plan it's the title of the PDF document.

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Robert Sterling: And we've also maybe we're also conflating that with 15 year capital improvement plans, but I just want to throw that out there.

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Robert Sterling: Are general fear as an as a neighborhood and I want to speak to that our fear our collective fear as a neighborhood I also mentioned correct face point she said that we didn't really know each other, and I think what you've all become aware of is that we are a very.

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Robert Sterling: mobilized neighborhood, and the reason why we were able to mobilize so quickly, is that we all really do know each other, we see each other in brooklyn park all the time year round.

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Robert Sterling: And that was really the key to us sort of getting our thoughts together, and you can see that we are pretty monolithic in our opposition to any sort of plan.

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Robert Sterling: That said.

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Robert Sterling: I want to pick up on a point that word that that Joe just made.

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Robert Sterling: starting point.

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Robert Sterling: I think these plans, I mean we all agree, these plans are so out of this world that we don't even need to really sort of pick apart them pick them apart, but they shouldn't be a starting point, because they're so out there.

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Robert Sterling: And I want to give a scenario and a question here's my question the simplest thing you could do to this park per your plans, would be to take.

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Robert Sterling: The existing diamond and which is a small diamond and make it a large diamond Why would you want to do that well your own report says there's a shortage of.

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Robert Sterling: Large diamonds in a surplus of short diamonds, so, under what under what do we're under what processes are you able to make that a large diamond and add a fence.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Oh.

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Joseph Siciliano: Is that it well, the question is, is that that's possible.

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Joseph Siciliano: When I say starting point, I say starting discussion point because the this just kicks off the whole series of discussion like what you just mentioned.

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Joseph Siciliano: If we were to convert that, if possible, to convert that from a small diamond, to a large diamond we'd have to have the right field left field line distance for be played with hardball at that point.

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Joseph Siciliano: you'd also you know so you'd have to have the right field, the Left field line distance and you have to have the centerfield depth that you need.

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Joseph Siciliano: You also have to have become a 90 foot diamond that at that point, and then we'd be concerned about you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: hitting hard balls on to neighbors houses, when you get a foul ball, you know that kind of thing all of that would have to be evaluated, if that were one of the.

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Joseph Siciliano: proposals that were on the table, can it really work, it is, it is that park adaptable to that.

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Joseph Siciliano: And does it make sense to put it there, or does it make sense to put it somewhere else, I mean So yes, I mean that when I see starting point, these are the kind of conversations that will take place and.

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Joseph Siciliano: So I didn't mean that literally like we're going to take that plan and make it happen as the starting point.

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Joseph Siciliano: we're going to be, you know it'll be the conversation point each one of these will get evaluated individually and what our goal is.

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Joseph Siciliano: And the only tricky part about this is that if you eliminate a diamond and you add a rectangle or a small or large rectangle and if you eliminate a small or large diamond.

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Joseph Siciliano: what's the cause and effect for the users as far as do we now have enough, and on the other side of that.

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Joseph Siciliano: We got to think into the future, a little bit because what's going to be more popular five years from now we're going to have more soccer more lacrosse more.

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Joseph Siciliano: field hockey are we going to have more is baseball on the rise, or is on the slide you know.

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Joseph Siciliano: is so softball still you know still very active so we're also trying to make some predictions along the way, when we do these conversions and that's going to be the most tricky part about all of this is that you want to be right, so that.

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Joseph Siciliano: you're doing some conversion today and is it, how it would affect the program based years years in the future, so we need to kind of consider that also.

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Joseph Siciliano: But I get your point very well and i'm in you know and then maybe one of the things that we could look at I mean I don't think laughlin avenue would really be the right place for a hardball diamond because that's the only sport that you can play there question on the 90 foot diamond.

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Can I.

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Robert Sterling: respond to kind of respond.

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Robert Sterling: Sure, am I still on Okay, thank you, sorry I was not advocating for that I was concerned that that's something that you might do either either put it put a fence around.

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Robert Sterling: The existing baseball field, either as a as a large or small diamond.

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Joseph Siciliano: I think.

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Robert Sterling: The case, as you, you made my argument for me that that's the exact reason why we don't want a large diamond, but could you even do it for a a small diamond and then we would be worried about Okay, now that there's a fence up.

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Robert Sterling: Are they going to put lights and, of course, that you know you know how residents feel about lights, so I will.

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Joseph Siciliano: Well, we can look at putting a potential fence of the outfield for a small diamond if that suits the you know the programs that we're trying to sponsor lights are a completely different issue, I mean.

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Joseph Siciliano: Granted it's not been progressive enlightening any fields, except for one.

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Joseph Siciliano: And, and I don't and the high school has limited lighting and we have some lighting at the barn sure Park, which has been there for over 25 years that's that's the whole progressive different conversation like I was saying.

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Robert Sterling: Look i'm not being i'm not being clear, let me restate my my point if you wanted to put up a fence would that have to get an EMI or P amp Z approval.

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Joseph Siciliano: I doubt it would have to get an eye or PNG approval, because of the scope of the work.

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Robert Sterling: that's our concern.

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Joseph Siciliano: But, but we do it every single day we put fences up all over town.

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Joseph Siciliano: doesn't have to get into.

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Joseph Siciliano: probably would not need an EMI approval, but it would need a budgetary dollars, that would be associated with three putting up the fence.

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Robert Sterling: So that.

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Joseph Siciliano: That opportunity for comments.

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Robert Sterling: Will our I think our comment is you would be taking away or a rectangle that serves many uses also for a lot of the town programs and permanently fencing off passive recreation and a bunch of other mixed use so.

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Joseph Siciliano: But, but I was, but I was just going along with your ID.

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Joseph Siciliano: proposal.

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Gary Dell'Abate: I want to stop this for a second, because now, if you want to voice concerns that's good it's.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Exactly what we're talking about a debate on what you go on, there is exactly what we should do when we have a committed.

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Gary Dell'Abate: So it's we can't debate every point but your point Robert is well taken yeah as everybody else, so I appreciate it, but something that you did bring up a Joe we probably should I would say we'd like to fix this, although it doesn't say.

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Gary Dell'Abate: master plan anywhere in the report, if you did the PDF title of the report says on credit athletic field study master plan report, I would say just take that work master plan out that's the only place where it just you know to be open up.

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Joseph Siciliano: Very.

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Joseph Siciliano: That can be changed tomorrow and in the budget book and he refers to the.

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Joseph Siciliano: field study master plan I don't create that title that comes from the finance department so but.

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Joseph Siciliano: Anything I can do is first master plan, I will take care of tomorrow.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Now, so we have a bunch more hands raised like I said i'm going to put everybody.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Did you have a question, the question is fine if you're going to make a statement, two minutes, I would just ask.

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Gary Dell'Abate: That if if to repeat what's already been spoken you know what I mean, in other words, I would just ask you not to just say the same thing that's going out to set so going in order let's see to run harmon.

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Ren Harman: i'll hide at random hernal in Indian chase drive and I am speaking as the President for the chimney cove association which encompasses Indian chase drive and meet point drive off Bruce Park, we have concerns with all of these proposals i'll start by saying.

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Ren Harman: And you know, Joe I understand your point about you wanted to try and predict what sport is going to be most popular you know 10 years down the line I don't think we could ever predict what is going to be popular is going to be popular We certainly didn't predict this pandemic.

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Ren Harman: And I think for our Community going forward we request complete transparency on this topic we'd also like to know what is the best way for us to express our concerns as we strongly oppose all of these.

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Ren Harman: concepts.

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Ren Harman: and, more importantly, to us being close to Bruce park the Bruce park plans.

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Thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay sorry I was getting more apologize okay next up is Joe overlander.

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Jill Oberlander: Thank you Gary can you hear me.

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Okay.

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Jill Oberlander: Can you hear me OK.

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Gary Dell'Abate: We can hear you fine.

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Gary Dell'Abate: i'm here.

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Jill Oberlander: Okay, thank you so i'm actually speaking in support of the study, I just want to give a little bit of background that that to gave and also my opinion, both at the time and now, as well as a resident we've heard for years.

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Jill Oberlander: About people's concerns about the status of fee.

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Jill Oberlander: And questions about allocations, so I do understand that there's a lot of Community upset about the specific fields and specific neighborhoods and some of the.

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Jill Oberlander: broad range of ideas that were thrown out there as as discussion points.

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Jill Oberlander: However, I think, as a community, we take a step back, we can acknowledge that the study provides a wealth of data.

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Jill Oberlander: That we can now all use to evaluate inventory in our Community changing needs and have it an informed dialogue based on what's there and what some possible options are going forward so I know the conversations going forward may be.

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Jill Oberlander: Difficult and are so important, I 100% agree with a transparency, complete transparency, and I think that the board of parks and REC.

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Jill Oberlander: And the Department of parks and REC are being very transparent in this process taking public comments so early before anything is even proposed, but I do think that there is value in having completed the study and Joe i'm grateful that you undertook it, thank you, thank you, Joe.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Joe i'm.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Miriam.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Miriam.

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Miriam Kreuzer: hi good evening everyone, am I am I good to go.

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Gary Dell'Abate: you're good to go.

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Miriam Kreuzer: Fantastic, so I would also like to echo some of what Joe overlander said i'm generally very supportive of the field study.

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Miriam Kreuzer: Partly because as Joe mentioned there's a great deal of low hanging fruit here, which would ameliorate the situation with playing fields in town and that, again, is something that we on the B et have heard.

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Miriam Kreuzer: Time and time again, and if we think of even Eastern Greenwich civic Center there was probably more commentary on the state of the fields in the building itself.

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Miriam Kreuzer: When when that public commentary was made, so what i've heard from a number of people is that there's a general discomfort with sort of the open ended.

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Miriam Kreuzer: capital allocation that the BT may give to this as as Joe mentioned is currently called a field study within our budgetary process, they share so there's some monies.

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Miriam Kreuzer: left over from last year, or this current budget year and then there's some additional monies that parks and REC are looking for.

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Miriam Kreuzer: What what I can sort of suggest and support and i'm sure Joe would would agree and i'm putting you on the spot, is he.

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Miriam Kreuzer: He said he was coming back to the BT and he's actually going to present the field study to the full BT at some point and speak to the consultant about some of this low hanging fruit.

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Miriam Kreuzer: On again more maintenance irrigation overseeing and be more specific, so it's probably not a surprise that to you that the BT.

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Miriam Kreuzer: Deborah on this call that the BT just sort of does not just allocate money is without knowing where it's going so whether it's in that CIV sheet.

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Miriam Kreuzer: Which is how the projects are described in the budgetary process and if Joe doesn't does not have that detail from the consultant, and where he wants to go before a process is done this year.

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Miriam Kreuzer: Then, maybe we condition it in a way that we need more details in order to release the funds there's certainly ways that the BT can also make the public feel more comfortable that you know, this is not just money is going into a pool to parks and REC.

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Miriam Kreuzer: In a way, that wouldn't be us, and again I don't think you would do that, but as small ways to sort of give comfort, I think you know I think the BT would be very open to making the this process more detailed and where those monies go.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, thank you very much i'm James Walsh.

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James Walsh: Thank you very much for your time Mr James Walsh I guess you know I think a lot of the confusion of the master plan is because that word is used, you know page two, three and 20.

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James Walsh: Throughout the report so just that's probably why it's been confused as a master plan, but I think a lot of the.

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James Walsh: pushback is that you know this is called a field study right, but for a number of locations, you know it's really almost a complete overhaul of the park.

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James Walsh: You know, you know for laughlin Bruce spinney Western granick civic Center you know and a few elementary schools, so I guess.

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James Walsh: You know, does it make sense to end a few people touch on this have more Community and groups and stakeholders involved right, it was a lot of for profit athletic organizations which are great.

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James Walsh: But you know why weren't elementary school PTA as neighbors community groups, you know kind of consulted in this study and what can you know.

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James Walsh: us as Members of the Community and as members of these groups, you know in residence of town do going forward to make sure that you know we're involved in kind of how these plans are play out and come to fruition, you know as we move into the next decade or so.

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Gary Dell'Abate: throw.

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Joseph Siciliano: Gary just just for clarification and do know that we did not talk to every community group every neighborhood every street road but part of this study.

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Joseph Siciliano: We had two members of the from the.

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Joseph Siciliano: Board of education on here, we had the assistant chair and also the director of facilities and part of the process of going through the study is that we talked to the athletic director.

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Joseph Siciliano: At the high school and we talked to the curriculum coordinator for the middle school elementary schools for P, so we did touch upon some of that and I know it's not as conclusive, as everybody wanted to be, but we did reach out at.

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Joseph Siciliano: At some points to see what did the the board of education program but P program and after school program might need for, and also athletics would need for the future.

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Gary Dell'Abate: All right, thank you, Joe I don't see any more hands.

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James Walsh: I guess just to follow up there, what can we do going forward to kind of make sure you know you know those groups and user groups are you know included and consulted, you know kind of in this process.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know, as this as the as the process grows, I mean the next commitment barriers correct you reminded me of something that.

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Joseph Siciliano: Once we get to the point where we have a some do some prioritization about what fields we might want to look at first, we have a commitment to go in front of the BT and make a full presentation about the study.

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Joseph Siciliano: We can correct some of the wording if that makes people more comfortable from master plan to study matter of fact, I think my assistant lenore has already taken the cover page and.

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Joseph Siciliano: and revise that and we'll look at other segments of the report, the important report is not to make people feel uncomfortable it's just that it's a collaboration of ideas and at some point.

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Joseph Siciliano: i've done millions of dollars worth of projects for the town, whether they were donations or capital projects.

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Joseph Siciliano: I clearly understand that you have to have the Community involvement in order to move any of this stuff for you don't want to fail at the end you want to make you want to make the initiative.

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Joseph Siciliano: Work and it has to work for everyone.

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Joseph Siciliano: So, at some point if we're looking at that location laughlin avenue, there will be a group of people neighbors you know users.

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Joseph Siciliano: You know people from the staff who do maintenance on the fields and probably be that collaborative group of people that will help design it going forward, I mean so.

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Joseph Siciliano: But we're not there yet we're just talking about concepts and get placeholders in various years that where we can start that conversation.

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James Walsh: Thank you very much for your time, gentlemen.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Welcome, thank you.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, so I don't see any more hands raised so i'm just going to ask is there any unfinished business.

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Gary Dell'Abate: Okay, so um Thank you all meeting is adjourned appreciate your time thanks for everybody who came on to give comments tonight we appreciate it and have a good night been injured.

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kirkschubert: Thank you.