



AGENDA ITEMS #: 19-71  
COUNCIL MTG OF: June 18, 2019  
FROM: Councilor Morgan  
OFFERED BY: Administration  
PREPARED BY: Administration  
SUBJECT: Recreation Facilities Study

## REPORT

**PURPOSE:** To seek authorization to commission a review and produce recommendations on community recreation resources and needs.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:**

The Council is requested to affirmatively act upon Resolution #2019-040. Also, please see attached outline of the various issues/resources which may impact upon this subject.

### **BACKGROUND:**

I would like to request that we instruct the TA to issue an RFP for the purposes of looking at all recreational fields in town and develop a 7-year improvement plan that allows us to map out the costs and see the extent of the needs. We should set expectations of budget constraints and funding and that we need a cost effect solution not just a solution. It is important that we invest in proper planning so we can scale feasible suggestions and temper the projects scope with intelligent data. The folks hired would look at all current field conditions, utilization, design, available land, parking, field services, and school facilities including Pinkerton and determine what the best professional planned route for Derry would be. They would use information provided by this Council, our Staff, The Leagues and the Parents in similar fashion to the current master plan process but in a much more condensed time frame.

### **DISCUSSION:**

When looking at recreational projects it is easy to be taken down different directions based on who has the biggest need. This may not always be the smartest more efficient plan. I believe an independent study allows us an objective look into this problem and the ability to solve it globally over time.

Ultimately it saves the town from costly mistakes.

Before we spend any of this Bond money for recreation, I ask that you consider supporting this idea and allow us to do our homework and make sound decisions. There is nothing we can do on fields until the fall with most schedules set in stone at this point. We have time to look at something that I believe has value. I would like to request that we budget up to \$15,000 for this study. With the expected surplus in the current budget a supplemental appropriation before the end of the fiscal year would have no impact on the tax rate or our set budget for FY19.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact, as staff would identify surplus funds in the FY 19 budget to earmark for this study.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Please see Resolution #2019-040.