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**GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Tuesday May 26, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m. Greenfield Department of Planning and Development**  
**114 Main Street**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, John Blasiak at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

**PRESENT:** John Blasiak, Chair  
Timothy Mosher, Vice-chair  
Gail Miller  
Matthias Nevins

**ALSO PRESENT:** Christy Moore, Greenfield Recreation Director  
Timothy Coon, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC  
Tom DeRose  
Maureen Pollock, Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

**ABSENT:** Thomas DeHoyos

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2015.

**MOTION:** Moved by Nevins, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to accept the minutes from May 12, 2015, as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

- **7:10 NOI – Greenfield Recreation Department, Green River Park, Petty Plain Road:** Notice of Intent submitted by Greenfield Recreation Department, for property located at Petty Plain Road (Assessors Map R42 Lot 1), for work pertaining to drainage improvements to the existing parking lot; renovations to the existing playground and basketball court; and construction of a pickleball court and enclosed dog park.

Christy Moore, Greenfield Recreation Director and Timothy Coon, J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC were present to explain the project. The work consists of construction of an off-leash dog area, a new playground, basketball and pickleball courts, a picnic pavilion, ADA accessible sidewalks, renovated parking area, and the installation of a bioswale and rain garden adjacent to the parking area. The site is currently developed as a playground and park. No existing natural



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areas will be disturbed as a result of this project. A portion is located within the 100-foot buffer zone of a resource area and within the 200-foot Riverfront Area to the Green River. Resource areas adjacent to the site were mapped in April 2015 by LEC. The resource areas were flagged and are shown in the site plans.

The current drainage pattern flows through the gravel parking lot to the bank and down to the Green River. The bank is eroding from sheet flow coming off the parking lot. The redevelopment of the parking lot will include re-grading which will re-direct stormwater runoff to flow off the parking lot and into a bioswale and bioretention area/rain garden. The bioswale and rain garden will slow down the water and allow it to infiltrate into the ground. The bioretention area/rain garden will have an overflow drain that will allow ponded water above the selected ponding depth to be dosed to an underdrain. The underdrain will be connected to an existing outlet for discharge.

Chair Blasiak opened up the hearing for public comment.

Tom DeRose, 125 Meridian Street (Map 21, Lot 8)

DeRose believes the Green River Park encroaches onto both his and his brother, William DeRose's property, located at the property identified as Map R42, Lot 2. Both properties abut the park along the western boundary line. Stated DPW mows part of these properties, and he wants the property line shown on all construction documents. Also, he wants to make sure the dog park area is not located on either of their properties.

Moore stated she will look into this matter regarding the property lines and will get back to DeRose.

Mosher expressed concerns about using impervious surfaces instead of porous surfaces for the parking lot and sidewalks, such as pavers or porous asphalt. Stated porous materials would slow down stormwater runoff and allow infiltration to occur.

Moore stated DPW has limited staff and money to maintain pavers and porous asphalt.

Coon stated the grading within the park will direct stormwater runoff to grassy areas, which will allow infiltration. The grading of the parking lot will direct stormwater runoff to the adjacent bioswale and bioretention area/rain garden. The parking lot will not have curbing.

Blasiak cautioned that the bioretention area/rain garden cannot be mowed during the growing season.

The Commission expressed their concerns regarding sediments getting into the bioswale and bioretention area/rain garden. A specified operations and maintenance plan needs to be submitted for this project. A planting plan needs to be submitted. More information needs to be provided regarding how the applicants plan to address the health of the existing trees during construction. Pollock indicated that the Town employs a licensed arborist/tree warden who can address the health of trees.



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Nevins stated the Green River services as a wetland resource and a recreational resource to the town; therefore, hopes that there will be access to the river from the park.

Moore responded the town hopes to build a bike path along the river one day, which could connect to a community boat launch and to the existing Montague bike path.

The Commission would like the following matters addressed before a decision is deliberated:

1. In lieu of rip rap, can bio-engineering techniques be used for stabilizing the bank to the Green River. More specifically, for areas above the toe of bank? If so, what are you proposing? show details
2. More details are needed for the Operations and Maintenance Plan for the whole project, e.g. bioswale, bioretention area/rain garden, parking lot, sidewalks, snow storage, street sweeping, existing vegetation, proposed vegetation, etc.
3. Property lines with the abutting properties, located at 125 Meridian Street (Map 21, Lot 8) and the property identified as Map R42, Lot 2, need to be addressed;
4. Planting plan needs to be submitted;
5. Cost analysis for pavers versus impervious asphalt for the sidewalks needs to be submitted;
6. What mitigation and/or restoration measures are being proposed?

**MOTION:** Moved by Mosher, seconded by Miller, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to continue the public hearing to June 9, 2015.

Other Business:

- The Commission would like to make a positive recommendation to the Mayor for the re-appointment of Timothy Mosher.

Project Monitoring:

Enforcement Updates/Possible Violations:

Correspondence:

Site Visit Scheduling:

Next Meeting:



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7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at the Greenfield Department of Planning and Development;  
114 Main Street

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by Miller, seconded by Mosher, no further discussion and voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Pollock  
Assistant Planner & Conservation Agent

John Blasiak  
Chair