



**Town of Medway**  
**Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners**  
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Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2016  
Medway Middle School

**In attendance:**

Park Commissioners: Ross Rackliff, Sean Murphy, Paul Mahoney

Other: David D'Amico, Shirley Bliss

Youth Group Representatives: Tom Emero, Tony Logan (Medway Lacrosse)

Chair, Mr. Rackliff called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

**Advertising for Medway Fields-** Parks member, Mr. Murphy suggested inviting youth groups to the January 2017 meeting. Goal will be to inform them of Parks Commission's proposal to have signs, banners/ advertising messages from local businesses in Medway fields on a regular basis. In anticipation of streamlining the process, members want to get input from youth groups.

🚧 **Field Tractor-** Notice to proceed was given by Commission members to purchase the tractor. Members agreed that the selected model will meet the needs of Medway. There was discussion on training Medway personnel to use the equipment. Mr. D'Amico recommended hiring part-time helper for this winter season. He will speak with Asst. Town Administrator, Ms. Potter on hiring part-time help.

🚧 **Discuss permits with Medway Baseball, Little Fenway etc. -** Mr. Tom Emero, Medway Youth Baseball attended the meeting. There was discussion on lack of payments from football and other groups. Mr. Emero stated that the invoices were being directed to wrong contact in the group. Baseball group treasurer never received the invoices. Mr. Rackliff asked about the signage in the baseball field. Mr. Emero stated that sign is a way to bring some additional monies into the program. It is not meant to name the fields. It is sponsorship based for a period of three years in return for \$3000 that is fed into Medway Baseball program. Part of the sponsorship pays for the sign. It is removed if the sponsorship is not continued. Sponsor name is only used when scheduling games. It's not an official name to the field. Members asked why the Commission was not asked before putting the signs, Members stated that there is high sensitivity to naming the fields in Medway due to various reasons and reiterated that Commission does not want to set a precedent.

On a different topic, Mr. Rackliff explained the goal of EPFRAC committee and asked Mr. Emero to share any good ideas his group has for Choate and Cassidy field redevelopment. Mr. Emero stated that that he is looking into draft basic design details for a sub-little league (Little Fenway) size field. He said, field this size could also be used to play Wiffle Ball. Members asked if the footprint of the project could be



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presented to the Commission in December. They stated it would be a good idea to coordinate the Little Fenway design with Choate Park re-development. Mr. Rackliff said once the project is complete, it will belong to Town of Medway. Mr. Emero talked about entering into an agreement with the town to use the fields they develop. Members requested Mr. Emero to bring the draft Little Fenway design to a Parks meeting in December. Mr. Rackliff asked Mr. Emero to pursue the design more aggressively in order to be presented to EPFRAC. Mr. Emero talked about the general investments made by Baseball group for the betterment of the fields.

✚ **Discuss Parks posted hours-** There was a call from Medway Chief of Police about an incident in Choate Park. The person involved in the incident asked for posted park hour signs when police mentioned that the park is open from dawn to dusk. Mr. D'Amico will look into posting the park hours signs at the parks.

✚ **Meeting Minutes 8-31-2016, 9-28-2016:**

***A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes of 8-31-2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mahoney. All were in favor.***

***A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes of 9-28-2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mahoney. All were in favor.***

**Open Discussion-**

**Ms. Bliss-** Members asked Mr. Logan to send details of their groups events with dates and times to Ms. Bliss. There was discussion on Medway field hourly rates for out of town groups. It's \$200 per hour for Hanlon. Other fields, its \$30/ hr. + additional \$6 per head. Mr. Logan will get back to Ms. Bliss with details on the amounts charged to their boys and girls teams and also the dates of their events. Payment schedule and the payment plan should also be informed. Events will be charged at out-of-town group rates.

***A motion was made by Mr. Mahoney to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***