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Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners
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Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018
Sanford Hall

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Mike Tudino, Sean Murphy
Other: Julie Harrington, Tony Logan (Medway Youth Lacrosse),
David D'Amico (DPW Director), Patty McDonald (Medway
Boosters), another Medway Booster rep.

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Tudino at 6:37PM.

Meeting Minutes:
None.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Logan asked for clarification on March 30th, 2019 tournament. Mr. Tudino said there might not be any potential conflicts since March has five weekends. Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Logan if his youth lacrosse had coordinated the event/ schedule with Ryan Harvey group and the response was no.
- Mr. Tudino briefly talked about the new MyRec web page that will be rolled out soon. He explained that this web page should contain the information on the schedules and events in the fields.

Discussion Items:

❖ **Cheerleaders Practice Location:**

- Rich Coakley (MYF) requested a practice location for his group's cheerleaders. They are currently practicing in the middle school cafeteria. Issue at hand is the safety of the cash registers, POS systems, etc. Members discussed the option of providing a smaller gym (like Burke Memorial) if available. Ms. Harrington said she reached out to Mr. Pearl in this regard. Mr. Tudino also reached out to Mr. Trindade to discuss this matter. Mr. Trindade toured some potential locations with Mr. Don Aicardi. Mr. Tudino commented that the matter is not a Parks issue and that BOS and school committee will be looking into it.



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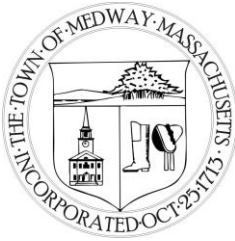
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❖ **User Group Fee Discussion-**

- Ms. Rossi started the discussion on this topic. She said it's important that in addition to a flat player rate, a premium should be charged especially for fields with extra facilities such as lighting. She expressed concerns with the idea of just going with flat user fee. Her concern was that with the proposed structure groups will push the town when it comes to deciding on the fields they want to use.
- Members said care should be taken to ensure that grass rentals are not expensive that everyone will start asking for turf fields.
- Discussion ensued on different fee structures that could be considered such as hourly rate, per player fee, seasonal rate, capital fees, etc.
- There was some discussion on grass field rentals to out- of-town groups.
- Medway Flag football canceled some of the field rentals they had requested before.
- Members discussed the idea of having the youth groups also weigh in on the proposed user fee structure. It will be made clear that the commission has the final say in determining the fee structure for Medway fields.
- To a question, members clarified that the fee structure for turf fields will still be on hourly basis. Mr. Logan opined that the proposed per player fee on grass fields makes sense.
- The discussed ideas will be shared with the youth groups to get their input by the October 2018 Parks meeting.

❖ **Choate Pavilion-**

- Ms. Harrington received inquiries about renting the pavilion at Choate Park. There was discussion on the commission coming up with appropriate rental rate and developing policies and procedures for renting the space. The recent inquiry is to rent the pavilion on December 9th, 2018. Mr. Tudino suggested getting some guidance from Thayer House rental. Discussion included potential rental rate(s) for the facility.
- It was agreed that the group will be allowed to use the space (on 12/09) since there's no official policies and procedures at this time.
- Ms. Rossi talked about pavilion (in Adam Farms) in Walpole.
- Members said alcohol will not be permitted on the premises. There was discussion about the possibility of people bringing propane heaters to these locations which could be a safety hazard. Ms. Harrington said she will talk to Mr. Boynton about it.



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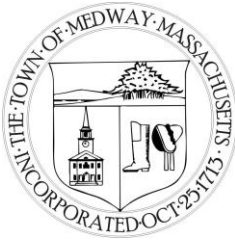
- Mr. Tudino asked if Friends of Choate will have any desire in renting the pavilion. Ms. Harrington will talk to Mr. Boynton about it.

❖ **Community Education Rate-**

- Ms. Harrington provided the community ed. summer invoice to the members.
- There was discussion about Ms. Harrington running the middle school summer camp from next year. Ms. Harrington was open to the idea of running the program.
- Mr. Tudino attended the School Committee meeting where Community Ed. presented their financial overview. Mr. Tudino read their mission statement which reads: ***Medway Community Education department serves the varied needs of Medway residents. The programs including employee day care gives opportunity or educated and creative development incorporating academic, vocational career enrichment courses for all ages.***
- Mr. Tudino suggested that Ms. Harrington should reach out to Medway Youth softball to check and see if they want to advertise in the brochure.

❖ **Cutler Street Historic Building-**

- Ms. Harrington had a brief conversation with Mr. Boynton on this topic. She didn't have the opportunity to completely discuss it with him.
- The basement in the building is in bad shape due to water main break in the past. The bathrooms are in very good shape.
- Members encouraged her to attend the CPC meeting to present the idea to the Committee.



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❖ **Open Discussion:**

- Ms. Harrington received comments from the town counsel on the policies and procedures manual. She will be sharing them with the members.
- She received a price quote on the bubble. The individual (firm name: YEADON) is interested in promoting business in Massachusetts area and will be in Medway in the next few weeks. She spoke with business representative on the details and relayed them to the members. The estimated cost is under \$1 million for a period of five years (for installation and cost of the bubble). It can be a permanent fixture and will need half a day to be installed in case it's dismantled during off- season. The lights won't be impacted.
- There was discussion on having seasonal ice rink at VFW. Ms. Rossi expressed her support and members in general liked the idea.
- Flag football and baseball groups reached out to Ms. Harrington about the invoices.

A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.

Next meeting is on October 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sreelatha Allam