



Town of Medway
Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners
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Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2019
Sanford Hall

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Mike Tudino, Sean Murphy
Other: Julie Harrington, Mike McKeown (Medway Youth Baseball),
Dr. D' Innocenzo (BOS, EPFRAC), Andy Rodenheiser
(Chairman, MRA and Oak Grove Zoning Task Force),
Barbara Saint Andre (Director, Community and Economic
Development), Glen Trindade (BOS)

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Tudino at 6:32PM.

Public Comments-

None.

Meeting Minutes:

None.

Oak Grove Zoning Task Force Presentation-

- Ms. Saint Andre and Mr. Rodenheiser attended the meeting to present the agenda item. Both went over the power point presentation. The urban renewal area consists of 82 acres including bottle cap lots. Ms. Andre talked about the vision of the urban renewal plan
- Current zoning of the area is categorized as AR-II and west industrial. MRA appointed the task force. There were 18 public meetings including community forums, for which 300 notices were sent out the area residents. The community forum at Thayer House was well attended. Task force with the help of a consultant (Ted Brovitz) created the concept plan for Oak Grove. This included creating a new Oak Grove zoning district.
- She briefly discussed about the concept plan. It was created by the task force with the assistance of the consultant and taking into consideration the vision of the urban renewal plan
- Proposal is to divide the Oak Grove (OG) area into three sub-districts. OG Village Center, OG Business Park, OG Neighborhood. All building standards will be maintained in the process. There was discussion on the development of a multi-use trail as part of the process
- Form based zoning is being proposed for Oak Grove area. It's a bit different from conventional zoning. In this type of zoning, pedestrian access will be emphasized throughout. Standards will be developed for different types of uses.



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- The entity that will develop the project has not been determined at this time as the process is still in preliminary stage. General development standards (General Commercial, General Industrial, General Residential, Mixed Use, Pocket Neighborhood).
- RFP will be sent to the developers based on the approved plans. Mr. Rodenheiser said the developer who built the Westwood mall could be a contender for this project. A key parcel on the Trotter Drive has been acquired for the project. There's a process to be followed based on the state regulations. Intent is to build a robust tax base in town. Members expressed their appreciation for all the effort that's been put into the project
- Members conveyed their support to the project and agreed to provide a letter of support by the next Parks meeting

Coakley RFP-

- Members went over the RFP document. There was some discussion on the content and members agreed on the language of the document.
- ***A motion was made by Ms. Rossi to approve the RFP drafted by MHS Boosters with the change that they edit the name from Medway Athletics to MHS Boosters, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***
- ***A motion was made by Ms. Rossi to accept the sign for Barbara Ohanian (Director of Camp Sunshine) for the location described by Ms. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Tudino. All were in favor.***

Dog Policy-

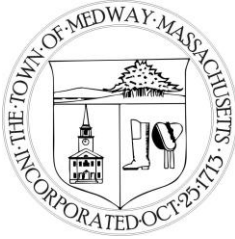
- There was discussion on town residents walking the dogs through Choate Park to get to the trail. To enforce the dog policy, members said the town by-law should be amended to add adequate language and lay the ground rules for enforcement instead of creating a separate dog policy document. Members commented that the policy cannot be implemented and people will not take it seriously unless clearly defined in the by-law.
- Dr. D'Innocenzo suggested that the by-law language be included in the BOS meeting materials package for the September meeting

Storage at Oakland-

- Members commented that the funding for the storage has been voted and approved.

Baseball field upgrades-

- Mr. McKeown talked about ponding/ water issues in the baseball field. He confirmed that his group has not started building the dugout.



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- Priority usage of the fields for the group:
 1. Mr. McKeown said freshman play in the middle school field which gets the most usage. He said the outfield at the middle school needs attention. Parks Commission/ Ms. Harrington will reach out to DPW to check if they have identified this task in their punch list
 2. Mr. McKeown said Cassidy field is at its best
 3. Mr. Tudino said lighting the back area of the high school was recognized as a priority project for the town. He said the commission recently voted to procure supplies for two dugouts at middle school baseball fields
 4. Dr. D'Innocenzo asked if there's any irrigation in upper memorial field.

Director's update-
None.

Open Discussion:

- Mr. Trindade talked about walking around the fields. He said everything that's happened occurred over a period of some time. There was discussion on the entity who would be responsible for the upkeep of the fields. There was discussion on the maintenance of the school parking lots. Mr. Trindade said someone needs to take the responsibility of up-keeping/ tracking Medway athletic fields.
- There was discussion on electronically tracking issues related to town properties and a way to address them. Everyone agreed that it's a bigger conversation and that clarification is needed to understand the responsibilities assigned to entities for the upkeep and maintenance of town properties. Dr. D'Innocenzo raised the question of the status of the fields and asked if there's a list that indicates the timeline on when the fields need to be replaced. He asked that this topic be added to the next EPFRAC meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.

Next meeting is on September 25th, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sreelatha Allam