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Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners
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Mike Tudino Debi Rossi Sean Murphy

Approved: 11/13/2019

Meeting
June 27, 2019 6:30PM
Medway Senior Center

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Mike Tudino, Sean Murphy
Other: Julie Harrington, Jeff Parcells, Brenda Hamelin,
Pete Pelletier

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Tudino at 6:39PM.

Public Comment:

None.

❖ **Discussion Items:**

- **Jeff Parcells-** Introduction of Athletic Director who gave a summary of his term so far and how the High School teams have fared. Everything is going great, great relationships forming and very impressed with the facilities/DPW and how they manage the properties. Reviewed the facilities and wanted to spread the word that teams/coaches need to pick up after themselves and return equipment to proper places. He would like to get more students/parents in attendance at games to support the players. He would also like to see each team to have 3 night games. Discussion on future lighting on high school fields and some scheduling.
- **Dog Policy-**Brenda Hamelin was present to discuss the Town By-laws for dogs, leash laws and signs. Brenda reviewed the reasons for leash laws. Some dogs are unfriendly, some humans are afraid of dogs, human and dogs space need to be respected and other wildlife. The question Brenda has is can a policy supersede a bylaw. Julie will discuss with Town Counsel.

Choate Park says no dogs allowed, residents will want to park at Choate and walk to the trails. There needs to be a policy where

people can park and get to the trails with their dogs. People picking up after their dogs is also an issue.

What's next regarding by-laws/rules/signage was discussed.

- Soccer/Baseball-Storage was discussed. Julie would like to share storage with multiple organizations. It was suggested that a shed be placed in a camouflaged area instead of using a metal storage container and a discussion on where it should be placed.
 - Baseball-Wet areas on various fields were discussed and how to repair them, estimates for repairs will be requested. The fencing at Cassidy was discussed, the addition of gates and some repairs that need to take place.
 - Discussion of lights at the Middle School and dividing the cost between which groups.
 - Discussion on obtaining a rugged golf cart for Julie to use to move between complexes. Julie will investigate this
- A motion was made by Ms. Rossi for an exploratory search for a golf cart for the Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Mr. Tudino. All were in favor.***
- Pickleball-Julie explained that Franklin recently built pickleball courts, it's a popular sport in Medway. Some residents asked if some courts could be built in Medway, these residents will be going to the Selectmen with this request. The ins and outs of pickleball was discussed.
 - Cricket-Spike ball and the additional of them in the future were discussed.
 - Spring field payments-most of balances are paid.
 - Fall Schedule is in process and discussed, spring and summer recreation programs were reviewed for enrollment etc.
 - High School summer soccer league asked if playoffs could be held in our complex. They are on a budget and wanted to reduce the rate below the reduce summer rate. (August 12-14 6:30-9 3 fields, boys and girls). The fields aren't booked at this point. They requested to pay \$500. The Parks Commission agreed that is an acceptable request. Mr. Murphy requested they be allowed to use for \$500 but they must leave the fields the way they found them.
 - Julie had a Food Truck ask her about participating in the Farmer's Market. She referred them to the Farmer's Market people. Parks gave preliminary approval for a snow cone truck, but they can't be permanently stationed there. The same applies to a food truck.
 - VFW Fields-estimates, what needs to be done and issues obtaining estimates were discussed. Gale report could be consulted to get a rough estimate of what needs to be done on that location.
 - Reorganization of Parks was discussed and agreed that the commissioners would remain (Mr. Tudino as chair) the same for now.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to have Mr. Tudino remain as chair, it was seconded by Ms. Rossi. It was approved with a 2 to 1 vote.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

Next meetings: TBD

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Harrington