



Town of Medway
Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners
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APPROVED ON 04-24-2019

Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019
High School Guidance Area

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Mike Tudino, Sean Murphy
Other: Julie Harrington, Rich Coakley (MY Baseball), Phil Fougere (Medway Youth Softball), Glenn Ratcliffe (Medway Youth Softball), Peter Pelletier (Medway DPW), Kevin Maley (Boy Scout)

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Tudino at 6:35PM.

Mr. Murphy joined the meeting at 6:45PM.

Public Comments-

None.

Meeting Minutes:

November 28, 2018-

A motion was made by Ms. Rossi to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018 meeting as amended, seconded by Mr. Tudino. All were in favor.

January 16, 2019-

A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to approve the minutes of January 16, 2019 meeting as amended at the meeting, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.

January 30, 2019-

A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019 meeting as amended at the meeting, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.

❖ Medway Youth Softball- Dugouts at Center Street:

- The request is for a grant to aid in building two dugouts and install new benches in the Center Street field.



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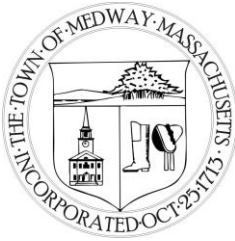
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- Request is for \$4,696 grant dollars to fund building two dugouts plus installation of new benches. The estimate for each dugout is \$2,348. Medway Youth Softball will pay for the benches.
- MYS volunteers are expected to build the dugouts. Idea is to begin the project in mid-June 2019.
- DPS staff does a great job of maintaining the fields.
- Mr. Tudino talked about different dugouts (baseball and softball), batting cage projects proposed by different entities in town. He suggested proper coordination among these projects.
- Ms. Rossi said if Parks Commission were to fund the purchase of the materials for the dugout then it should be put out for bid. Members said if the estimate is less than \$5000 then the Commission doesn't have to go for bids. It will be further investigated and looked into.
- Medway Youth Softball is not 5013C. Organization is working towards getting that certification. Regular fund raising fetches around \$ 2000-3000 dollars per year.
- ***A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve funds to purchase the materials for the softball dugouts in the amount of \$ 4,696 dollars, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.***

❖ **Spring and Summer Field Schedules-**

- Members went over few new field requests for spring/ summer.
- There was discussion on the rental fee for the fields. \$100/hr. was discussed and a summer rate was considered.
- ***A motion was made by Ms. Rossi to approve special summer field rate for out-of-town groups starting on the last school day of HS to 08/15 with a summer rate of \$100/ hour, seconded by Mr. Tudino. All were in favor.***
- Members said Community- Ed. will be charged at \$35/ hour for turf field, \$15/ hour for the tennis courts.
- ***A motion was made by Rossi to approve that camp sunshine will not be charged for the use of their camps, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***
- ***A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to approve the following rates for community-ed program/camp: Sky hawk's camps, fast athletics camps, etc., will be charged at \$15 per person per camp/ permit, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.***
- Members were ok with the latest turf field schedule.



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- There was discussion on scheduling sports meets/ events on the days when SAT's are conducted. Members said SAT schedule was never part of the discussion/ consideration when the fields are booked in town.

❖ **Dog Policy-**

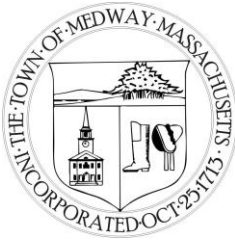
- Ms. Harrington provided an update on this agenda item. She attended a meeting with representatives from Open Space, Animal Control, and CONCOM. She said it was a good discussion. Discussion included: No dogs will be allowed on fields. They have to be leashed on sidewalks, public parks, on trails. Currently no dogs are allowed in Choate Park. Tina Wright, Open Space Committee wants the dogs to be off the leash when they are in the woods.
- Mr. Tudino asked if existing by-laws were discussed. Per the current requirements, the by-law does require the pets to be leashed. He said by-law needs to be changed and posted before Parks Commission can draft a policy about dogs needing a leash.
- Members didn't approve the dog policy as presented due to its non-compliance with the by-law.

❖ **Batting Cage Update-**

- There was no specific update on this item. Mr. Tudino provided disclosure on an email exchange between Mr. Coakley and the Commission on the proposed work at baseball field in middle school that's right next to the softball field where the batting cage (Connor's Eagle Scout project) is proposed. There was discussion on the construction schedule for the baseball dugouts. Mr. Coakley would like to get the project completed by the first week of May before the senior leagues begin.
- Mr. Tudino said Parks Commission is ok with the schedule for building the baseball dugouts in late April/early May and asked Mr. Coakley to let the commission know if there's any change in that schedule.

❖ **Spring Sports equipment needs-**

- There was discussion on lacrosse dollies. Members said they approved one per field.
- ***A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to approve the purchase of three lacrosse nets or goal dollies, one for each turf field by the Parks Commission, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***
- ***A motion was made by Ms. Rossi to purchase a pair of lacrosse goals and paid for by Parks Commission, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***



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❖ **Spring Tournaments updates-**

- NEFC requested field time on March 22nd and 23rd.
- No payments were received for the spring tournaments.
- Medway Lacrosse will be charged for using the grass fields.

❖ **Director Update:**

None.

❖ **Open Discussion:**

- Mr. Tudino provided an update on the EPFRAC meeting held on 02-26-2019. He said EPFRAC's priority item in their list of recommendations to BOS was the lighting of high school back field area. All youth groups and committee members were in agreement. Estimate is at \$650,000
- The other priority for EPFRAC was rehabilitating the VFW field, updating the lights, and installing turf on it.
- Third priority was the expansion of Oakland Park including lighting the fields.
- Storage provision for all youth groups was another discussion topic at the EPFRAC meeting.
- Mr. Coakley talked about MYB needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm, seconded by Mr. Rossi. All were in favor.

Next meeting is on March 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sreelatha Allam