



Town of Medway
Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners
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Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019
High School Guidance Area

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Mike Tudino, Sean Murphy
Other: Andrew Ruggeri (MY Soccer), Jeb Booth (Scorpions), Julie Harrington, Tony Logan (MYL), MY Baseball rep., Connor Gilmore, Peter Pelletier (DPS)

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Tudino at 6:30PM.

Meeting Minutes:
None.

Public Comment:

❖ **Eagle Project Batting Cage:**

- Mr. Gilmore (Eagle Scout) presented the project (installing batting cage in middle school) to the members. He described the project background and explained the need. He came up with the project idea in July and talked to the Athletic Director, Mr. Pearl and followed up with the school superintendent. Now he has approval from both of them.
- He is at the fundraising stage now. MYB already donated some amount. He also received an anonymous donation.
- The cost is estimated at \$6000 and the product will be purchased from On Deck Sports. He is also considering Anthem Sports to get pricing of the cage. The batting cage will be the same model that's in the high school.
- Members appreciated Connor's idea and his efforts to advance the project. They asked about the portability of the unit. Mr. Tudino talked about keeping the unit portable so that it can be relocated when the project at the middle school will take off in the next few years. Some potential locations for the batting cage were discussed. Upper memorial school was discussed as an option.
- Connor said the goal is to have the cage installed before the baseball season begins or before the end of summer season. He requested that the nets be maintained by the town once the cage is installed.
- Members will be talking to DPS and Schools to get more information on the project. They will also survey the area with Connor to understand the logistics



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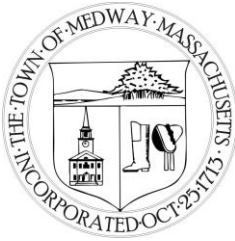
of the layout. It was indicated that Connor might have to make a presentation at one of the BOS meetings.

- Committee will find ways to support the project and let Connor know of their decision and offer some additional ways to support the project by the next Parks meeting.

Discussion Items:

❖ Field Fees Discussion:

- Mr. Tudino said the pricing for MY Soccer organization was discussed and asked Mr. Ruggeri if he or his organization was aware of the numbers. Mr. Ruggeri talked about the increased expense to his group (MY Soccer) after the new fee structure came into effect. He said the initial pricing for the spring schedule is \$1900 more than last spring. The team size was about 400 kids in spring and 420 kids in fall season.
- During the discussion, Mr. Tudino explained that larger groups will not be penalized for the size in the way of player fees. So annual cap for calendar year/ fiscal year was being considered by the commission. He talked about the various options the members have been deliberating to keep the costs down for the organizations.
- Mr. Ruggeri said his group was looking for consistency in the fee structure among all groups regardless of the type of the field.
- The original cap for MY Soccer has been \$4800 for fiscal year.
- The discussion was about the fee structure for grass fields versus turf fields. Members indicated that grass fields maintenance costs are higher and dictate the field fees. Members said groups using grass fields should be incentivized which is not happening in the new fee structure.
- To a question on whether MYL fee went up for turf field, Mr. Logan confirmed that the turf fields fee for his group has gone up after the new fee structure came into effect. He said it went up by about \$2000.
- Members discussed considering a cap on the fees. They leaned towards supporting the idea but realized that it won't solve the problem of keeping the team total costs down.
- Mr. Tudino suggested tabling the agenda item. Members will reexamine per player fee (which will be capped for the spring). Members will also talk to MYB as it will have an effect on their team.
- Members said goal is to officially vote on the fee structure at the next meeting. They said it will be a short term solution for the time being.



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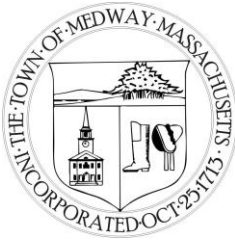
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- Ms. Harrington talked with NEFC about the March tournaments (including special/ additional rates for plowing). She was informed that NEFC spoke with GPS and it was conveyed to GPS that in case of a snow event, NEFC, GPS, and the parks commission will split the snow removal costs instead of raising the per hour fee.
- GPS tournament is in the second week of March and NEFC tournament in the third week of March. Members were ok with the idea.
- ***A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to approve GPS tournament on March 9th and 10th, 2019 and NEFC tournament on March 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2019 at a rate of \$200/ hr. with the agreement that if it snows, Medway Parks Commission, GPS, and NEFC will split the costs equally for snow removal service, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.***

❖ **Spring Schedules:**

- Members went over the spring schedule which consists of the high school requests, grass fields requests, draft turf schedule in addition to the full turf schedule and requests from other in-town and out-of-town groups.
- Medway Men's Soccer:
 - ✓ Need turf fields for 2 hours on Sundays.
- Medway Soccer:
 - ✓ Mon-Thu.- will use turf fields between 6-7:30PM
- Medway Youth Softball:
 - ✓ Need the fields on Mondays.
- Medway Youth Lacrosse:
 - ✓ Mon. – Fri. on turf fields
- Scorpions:
 - ✓ Need all fields for their league games on March 23rd, 2019 between 2:30-7:30 PM.
- Grass field schedule for spring was reviewed by the members. No issues were identified.
- VFW:
 - ✓ Softball will begin on May 1st, 2019 and end on November 4th, 2019.
- It was noted that there's no actual request from any group for high school grass field as of today.
- Members looked at some baseball group's requests for the fields.
- Ms. Harrington said Boston Bolts or Abbey Villa have not made any recent field requests.
- Ms. Harrington will update the document as discussed.



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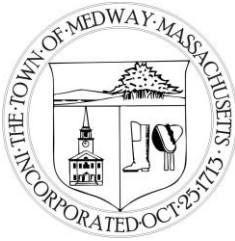
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- MYL agreed to be on Hanlon field on Mondays between 7:30-9PM. Lamson field on Thursday between 7:30 – 9:00PM and all Fridays between 6:00-9:00PM, and grass field between 6:00-7:30PM if the team requires the slot. MYL will have North field between Tue. - Fri. between 6:00 – 9:00PM.
- Mr. Booth talked about Scorpions entering into a long term agreement with the town on using specific fields on a fixed schedule for few years. He said his group will be flexible and work with the town and other youth groups if and when there's a need to switch the fields in few occasions. Scorpions usually need the fields up to thanksgiving weekend. Members talked about the pros and cons of entering into agreements with out-of-town groups for reasons described by Mr. Booth. Ms. Rossi asked that a proposal be submitted to the Committee outlining the idea and specifics of the proposal. Members said committee will be willing to look into the proposal and discuss it with other town entities and youth groups to receive their input. Mr. Logan said the idea seems reasonable but alerted the members on the reaction from in-town youth groups on the proposal.
- Mr. Tudino talked about the legal implications when entering into such agreements with outside youth groups. Discussion also included keeping the process open for all outside groups which might lead to a bidding process.
- As an incentive, there was discussion on opening some of the Scorpion's skills clinic to Medway in-town groups for free.

❖ **Spring Tournament Updates:**

- GPS Tournament -03/09, 03/10
- NEFC Tournament- 3rd weekend in March
- Harvey Tournament- March 23rd, 2019
- Scorpions-
 1. Need fields on 2nd and 3rd March for league games. In case of a snow event, it's likely that the games will be cancelled.
 2. Need two fields on March 24th, 2019 for a 15 hour duration for their tournament. Members were ok to allot the field time in high school for Scorpions on March 23rd and 24th. Mr. Tudino asked Mr. Logan to check if his team could work with one field on March 22nd. Mr. Logan said March 22nd will not be an issue. Town will pay for snow removal if a snow event occurs during this weekend.
- Mr. Tudino asked Mr. Logan to check with his group (MYL) about requiring the fields on March 19th and 22nd, 2019. There was discussion about allotting the available fields to the NEFC tournament.
- Members discussed inviting the new athletic director, Mr. Jeff Parcels to one of the future Parks meeting to exchange information about Medway fields.



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- Payments have not been received from GPS or NEFC for their March tournaments. Ms. Harrington will reach out to them and find the current status on the payments.
- Mr. Tudino asked if payments were made by GPS and NEFC for their tournaments in March and the response was no. He asked that a note be included in the invoice about the splitting of the snow removal costs that was agreed at the meeting.
- Ms. Harrington will reach out to MY Soccer for their spring schedule. The spring schedule will be finalized and voted at the next parks meeting.
- Members asked Mr. Logan if his group will consider not using any of the fields on April 19th and 20th 2019.
- ***A motion was made by Ms. Rossi to approve/ allow the Scorpions bowl on April 19th and 20th April, 2019, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***

❖ **Cutler Street:**

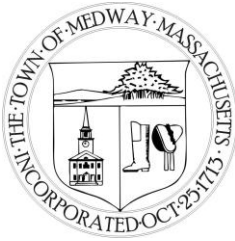
- Ms. Rossi visited the property recently. She said the building might not be completely up to code and needs to be torn down before a community center building can be built.
- There's another property next to the Cutler Street property that needs to be looked into. There was discussion on converting the VFW building into a community center.

❖ **Seasonal Ice Rink:**

- Mr. Tudino said Hopkinton recently opened a seasonal ice rink. It's been built in the basketball court. He talked about the article in Milford Daily that talks about the ice rink. Ms. Rossi supported the idea of having an ice rink in Medway. There was discussion on the warm weather conditions this season and the feasibility to have the rink in such condition.

❖ **Director Update:**

- Most of the invoice payments came in except for Scorpions. \$700 balance from Flag Football has not been received yet.
- Policies and Procedures for Choate Park should be presented at BOS meeting in March/ April.
- Ms. Harrington said Spring/Summer brochures will be ready by next week.
- Whacky Wednesdays at Choate Park will be part of the summer program. She said summer concerts are booked and her office received a donation from Medway Manor.



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❖ **Open Discussion:**

- There was discussion on adding Parks and Rec. content to the town annual report that is due in March 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.

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

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sreelatha Allam