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**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**PARKS COMMISSION**

**APPROVED 3/31/2021**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
December 9, 2020 – 7pm  
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

**In attendance:**

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Chair, Sean Murphy, Lyle Core, John Farrell, Joanne Williams  
Others: Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation; Peter Pelletier, Deputy Director Department of Public Works; Amy Sutherland, Recording Clerk

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Football Fields**

The Parks Commission discussed the Town of Millis renting the Medway football fields. Millis is looking to rent the fields on Tuesday through Thursday each week from the end of February to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. They would be renting after school for their practices. The hourly rate for the football field rental is typically \$200 an hour, but since Millis is a neighboring high school the commission can make the rental fee lower.

**A motion was made and seconded, and the committee voted by roll call vote to charge Millis Football \$75 an hour to rent the Medway fields. The football practices will be three days a week from 3-5 PM.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Debi Rossi	aye
Joanne Williams	aye
Lyle Core	aye
John Farrell	aye
Sean Murphy	aye

**Lamson Field (Netting):**

There was discussion about getting more netting for the Lamson fields due to balls going over the fence. The town cannot afford it right now. There is a liability concern that those retrieving the balls may fall and injure themselves.

**The railing at Choate:**

A Medway resident requested a railing or grabbing device to be put into place in order to assist in climbing the steep rocky hill at Choate. There could be a liability for putting this in place to help assist people who want to climb. The railing would need maintenance to prevent liability to the town. This topic will be discussed at another meeting.

**Fall and winter field update:**

The fall field usage is done. Juventus is still practicing on the fields. In terms of payments, there are four group who have not paid. Those missing are Juventus, Scorpions, F.C. Stars and NEFC. Medway Softball is planning on doing clinic at Lamson this winter as well.

**Sanding the Field:**

The topic of sanding on the field to speed up the ice melting process was discussed. There will be a price quote provided over the next week.

**Parking blocking assistance:**

There was discussion about plastic cones which are used in Newton to assist with blocking parking in restricted areas. The problem is that the no parking signs are being ignored. There will be more discussion about the cost for these cones and other measures which could be taken to address this problem.

**Field Use accommodations:**

It was recommended that an email be sent to those who may be interested in using the fields. There will be a draft schedule presented at the next meeting.

**Favorite Christmas Lights:**

The Parks Committee will go around the neighborhoods in Medway to vote for the house with the best Christmas light exhibit.

**Money from the Town meeting:**

The Committee received money for Pickleball. The money will be used for engineering and drainage as well as a possible third softball field at Center Street. If there are remaining funds that could be used for consultation of the possibility of two fields. One location is Cassidy field, and the other location is North Street.

**Pavilion at Choate:**

The Parks Committee was made aware that there is a lot of debris and confetti at Choate Park. There was a recommendation to put together a clean-up policy. This will be placed on a future agenda.

**Approval of October 28, 2020 Minutes:**

The Committee was informed that the recording secretary has resigned.

**A motion was made and seconded and voted by roll call vote to approve the minutes from October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Debi Rossi	aye
Joanne Williams	aye
Lyle Core	aye

John Farrell        aye  
Sean Murphy       aye

**Approval of November 4, 2020 Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded and voted by roll call vote to approve the minutes from November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Debi Rossi        aye  
Joanne Williams   aye  
Lyle Core        aye  
John Farrell       aye  
Sean Murphy       aye

**Approval of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes:**

A follow up with Terry and Jeff is going to be pursued to see the cost and re-discuss the moving of funds from the Turkey Trot towards field plowing. The committee would like the minutes to say there is limited money to pay for field plowing by "R.A.D." instead of no money.

A motion was made and seconded and voted by roll call vote to approve the minutes from November 13, 2020 were accepted with the amendment as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Debi Rossi        aye  
Joanne Williams   aye  
Lyle Core        aye  
John Farrell       aye  
Sean Murphy       aye

**Future Meeting Agenda:**

- Have the cultural committee to join the meeting for a presentation about an art festival in the park.
- The committee would also like an update from Jeff about the high school paying for plowing of the fields.
- Update on possible spring tournaments.

A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee voted by Roll Call to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Debi Rossi        aye  
Joanne Williams   aye  
Lyle Core        aye  
John Farrell       aye  
Sean Murphy       aye

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary