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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PARKS COMMISSION

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Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
April 29, 2020
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Mike Tudino, Debi Rossi, Sean Murphy
Others: Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation, Peter Pelletier, Public Works Deputy Director, Tony Logan, Vice President and Fields Coordinator for Medway Youth Lacrosse, Jason Boucher, Incoming Fields Coordinator for Medway Youth Lacrosse and Aileen Crespi, President of Medway/Millis Youth Football and Cheer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tudino at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board discussed the February 26th meeting minutes. There were some attendees missing from the minutes. Updates will be sent to Ms. Harrington and they will be voted on at the next meeting.

Fields Impact:

Ms. Harrington stated the gates are locked at Idylbrook, but she was able to get a glimpse and it looks nice.

Mr. Pelletier commented the turf fields have been cleaned, but GMAX has not been scheduled yet. He spoke about areas struggling with grass growth.

There was a discussion about mosquito and tick treatment in preparation for fall sports. Mr. Pelletier stated Norfolk County Mosquito Control will spray and he will speak with his colleagues about more that can be done.

Summer Fields Request/Summary:

Ms. Rossi received a request to hold an Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Coaches Association (EMLCA) Senior Classic on July 19th & 20th. 70 programs have reached out with the hope of doing something for seniors only. Ms. Rossi felt Medway would be a good spot to host a tournament if the fields open. It was suggested to also ask Franklin and Medfield. Ms. Rossi

was not aware of the tournament format. Ms. Harrington stated other than camp, she is not aware of any conflicts for the dates requested.

Mr. Pelletier stated Cape and Island Tennis & Track looked at the tennis courts and track. The track will be put on hold. Cape and Island Tennis & Track recommended that the tennis courts be completely replaced at a cost of \$525K for a post tension concrete court. The Town Administrator said not to move forward with the high school track repair due to the Parks revolving fund.

Mr. Logan asked about priority scheduling when the fields open up. He will send his request to Ms. Harrington so she can start mapping it out.

Mr. Tudino asked about summer requests for events at Choate Park. Ms. Harrington explained there have been random requests, but there is a lot unknown and she will rely on guidance from Governor Baker. There was a discussion about summer concerts and the idea of attendees sitting in their cars to listen and also having them televised on Medway Cable Access. The first summer concert is set for July 6th. Other venues for the concerts were discussed.

In terms of Spring/Summer sports, soccer, softball and lacrosse are done for the spring. Gold Star Lacrosse has a backup date in August in case the June tournament doesn't run.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to hold the fields for July 19th and 20th and offer them for the Senior Classic Tournament. The motion carried.

Director's Update:

Ms. Harrington is working on keeping the community engaged. She is meeting with other recreation directors to talk about summer. Ms. Harrington spoke about summer camps and the unknown in terms of numbers, sanitation and social distancing. All spring programs will be cancelled. Registration opened two days before the stay-at-home advisory was extended, so there are not a lot of refunds to process. Ms. Harrington was not sure about the swim team season. She stated a lot of summer pools would not be opening due to costs associated with opening and social distancing.

Mr. Pelletier mentioned there is an Eagle Scout project to redo the worn out stations around Choate Park. He didn't know the specifics, but he knows there was talk about adding some to trails at the high school and there may be an issue with one of the stations at the Peace Garden. Mr. Pelletier also mentioned the Town Administrator asked about getting some type of disinfecting equipment for fields, such as a fogger, but he does not know how it will be used or to what extent.

Mr. Logan introduced Jason Boucher of Medway Youth Lacrosse. Mr. Boucher will replace him this summer as fields' coordinator.

There was a brief discussion about fall sports and classroom schedules.

Ms. Crespi asked if the batting cages were approved at the last meeting in February. They were approved and purchased.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tudino and seconded by Ms. Rossi, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the remote meeting via Zoom at 7:46 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Pacella, Night Board Secretary