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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PARKS COMMISSION

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Town of Medway
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
November 4, 2020
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Chair, Sean Murphy, Lyle Core
Others: Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Tournament/field update:

Ms. Harrington explained that Governor Baker recently instituted a new mask mandate requiring that masks be worn in all public places (i.e. playgrounds, parks, fields). She said she would update the commission if there were any changes to youth sports and how many people would be able to spectate at sporting events.

Ms. Harrington went through the November fields requests with the commission. NEFC requested all three fields for Friday, November 20th. The Spartans had requested whatever fields were available Friday, November 20th – Sunday, November 29th. The Spartans were also hoping to be granted a discounted rate for the fields. The Gridiron club was looking to use the fields on November 20th as well. Ms. Harrington had indicated that they were flexible with their date and were able to move it. Mr. Core stated the Spartans are charging each team \$1400 to participate in the round robin. Mr. Murphy thought \$125/hour would be a good compromise.

Ms. Rossi asked about the bathrooms and port-a-potties. Ms. Harrington stated they would still be open and that Saturday, November 28th the town Christmas parade would be staging at the high school and all the games would be done by 4pm.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Lyle, the Board voted unanimously to charge the Spartans \$125/hour for field use. The motion carried.

Ms. Harrington had been approached by the over 50 soccer league about using the fields this winter. They typically get charged a per player fee of \$50 per season. She asked the commission for their recommendation of what to do charge to use the fields in the winter. They were playing a 7v7 for an hour and a half each week. Ms. Rossi suggested to charge \$35/hour.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to charge Over 50 men's soccer \$35/hour for field use. The motion carried.

Chair comments:

None

Directors update:

Ms. Harrington is working with Allison Potter the Assistant Town Manager on updating the playground signage with the new mask mandate updates.

Ms. Rossi asked Ms. Harrington about the "Wedge" season for the high school and Ms. Harrington was not aware of any updates.

It was suggested to bring Carol Pratt to an upcoming meeting to explain the quarterly report she produces. Ms. Rossi feels like this would be helpful for the new commissioners.

Future Park Meeting Dates:

December 9 at 7PM

Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Core, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the remote meeting via Zoom at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation