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TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PARKS COMMISSION

APPROVED 10/28/2020

Town of Medway
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
September 30, 2020
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Chair, Sean Murphy, John Farrell, Lyle Core, Joanne Williams (arrived at 6:56pm)

Others: Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation, Peter Pelletier, Deputy Director of Department of Public Works, Frank Rossi, Medway Youth Lacrosse, Daniel Shea, Medway Youth Soccer, Tanner Guarino, Gold Star Lacrosse, Eric Brockett, Coyotes Lacrosse, Rich Coakley, Medway Youth Baseball, Jason Boucher, Medway Youth Lacrosse, Preston Gales, Medway Youth Softball, Rob Faichney, Medway Grizzlies, Ian McRury, Old School Soccer Club

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Field User Groups & COVID:

Ms. Rossi commended Ms. Harrington on her consistent willingness to go above and beyond in her role. She has created a calendar including all authorized users for each field. Having this detailed information helps us to assist in any investigations of COVID non-compliance. Ms. Rossi reminded all that permitted users are not allowed to give their time slot to another organization. Mr. Boucher, Medway Youth Lacross & Mr. Gales, Medway Youth Softball joined late to check-in.

AAU Baseball:

Mr Faichney explained that his group is not affiliated with AAU or Medway Baseball, it is a separate group that is part of a fourteen-team league that includes AAU teams. There was discussion around his request vs his actual use and he understands and agrees to the policies and procedures going forward.

Fall Field Updates:

Online calendar contains all permitted organizations, locations and times. Ms. Guarino, Mr. Brockett, Mr. Shea, Mr. Rossi, Mr. McRury all have permits and the dates they need for the fall. Ms. Rossi suggested written set of COVID protocols are shared

with their players and teams and reminded all users to use High School Parking lots to park and not to line up.

Summer Wrap-Up:

Summer is officially done. Ms. Harrington commented that camp was extended for two weeks due to late school start. Several successful events over the summer included concerts, boating night.

Director's Update:

Fall programs have begun. Ms. Harrington commented that there is at least one program per day including pre-school on weekends, Wild Wednesday at Park, T-ball and baseball. October will be busy with Halloween-related activities. MABA has submitted their paperwork for outdoor basketball (?)

Parks & Recreation Properties

Ms. Rossi referred to a list of all parks and fields the Board is responsible for. Each park commissioner is to choose one or two fields to walk through and note anything that needs improvement or is concerning. Email Ms. Rossi directly which fields you are interested in visiting. Discussed that dogs on the fields is still a concern.

FY2020 Budget

Revenues are down due to EEE and Covid. Expenses were up 4%. Salary and wages decreased because a portion was moved to town budget. Ms Rossi proposes that going forward, this Board votes to approve and decipher fees and contingencies on all requests for fields. Discussed a matter of a local unauthorized football team using our field and whether to fine. No decision was made.

Ms. Harrington asked about charging for Mike Coppinger's AAU a one-time use fee for baseball field.

Upon a motion by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to charge Mike Coppinger \$75. The motion carried.

Turf Plowing:

Mr. Pelletier will get estimates for snow plowing field to next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted 3-0-2 to approve the August 26th minutes as amended. Mr. Core and Ms. Williams abstained. The motion carried.

Future Park Meeting Dates:

October 28 at 7PM

Upon a motion by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Rossi, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the remote meeting via Zoom at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Tegelaar, Night Board Secretary

