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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PARKS COMMISSION

APPROVED 5/26/2021

Town of Medway
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
May 7, 2021 – 9am
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Chair, Lyle Core, John Farrell, Sean Murphy
Absent:

Others: Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation; Pete Pelletier,
Department of Public Works Deputy Director

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment

No comments

Committee Business

Fields

Julie updated the committee on a new soccer league called Pro Path who will be renting the field 2 days a week. This poses some scheduling challenges for other teams and their field usage.

Mass Prep will use whatever space is available at night and is looking for a discounted rate. Old School will use two fields with an option for three fields if it is not used. Both teams are looking for all three fields at the same time.

At approximately 9:06 a.m. Peter Pelletier joined the meeting.

John asked if all the high school sports go to the end of June why they are not on the calendar. Julie said this is the current information Jeff has given.

After a brief discussion on past usage of the fields and their rates, it was determined to allow Mass Prep and Old School rental rate of \$100/HR as normal rates for both as it is already a discounted rate.

John moved to approve Mass Prep field rental at a rate of \$100/ Hour during the Summer months. Sean seconded and the motion carried unanimously as follows. 4-0

Sean – Yes, Lyle – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Julie will work with both leagues on scheduling fields and times. Pro Path will remain on Tuesdays at the lower fields. Goldstar will have their tournament on June 26th.

Lyle asked where the committee stood with the Cricket field request. After the committee voted to move it forward, Julie brought it up to Michael Boynton, however, has not gone further than that. Deb has concerns with the permanent nature of the cricket field as well as the water issues. She also has concerns with the proposed financing for the field by the organizers.

The consensus by the committee feels if the field is being donated to the cricket organizers, then they should pay the expenses of building to suit their needs and will be rented back at no discount due to the continuing costs of maintaining the fields.

Deb moved to approve the acceptance of the Summer field schedule. John seconded, and the motion carried unanimously during a roll call vote as follows. 4-0 **Sean – Yes, Lyle – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes**

Julie's Updates

Julie said she was made aware of Mama Beast advertising additional classes at Choate Park on Wednesdays. She emailed Mama Beast to clarify and advise her to not use the park without clearing it through her first.

Peter's Updates

Peter updated the committee that the Peace Garden will move forward and is being placed where the basketball court is located at Choate. He will work with DPW to see what can be done first to help prepare the area in the Fall.

Debi shared concerns from the last CPC meeting where people did not want the basketball court removed since it is heavily used by the community.

Alternate basketball court locations were discussed.

Debi suggested changing the volleyball court to a basketball court under the current Park Grant. The committee agrees to investigate this possibility.

Peter said the rate the youth baseball team is getting on electricity at Cassidy is accurate. The higher bills are backdated from December and are a result of the Ever Source reconciling their account. He is trying to see if they can get them into a different rate category to possibly reduce their monthly bill. Unfortunately, there is not much else that can be done to reduce costs for that.

Adjournment

At approximately 10:00 AM Debi moved to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting. Sean seconded and the motion carried unanimously during a roll call vote as follows. 4-0

Sean – Yes, Lyle – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Respectfully submitted by,

Metaxia Mitropoulos, Recording Secretary