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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PARKS COMMISSION

Town of Medway
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
February 24, 2021 – 7pm
155 Village Street
Sanford Hall

In attendance:

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

Others: Julie Harrington

Others remotely: Peter Pelletier, Gail Hachenberg, Bob Herstzuber, Dan Shea, Jeff Hodge, Nick Guarino, Jason Boucher, Judy Moffatt

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She noted due to absent members there was not a quorum and voting will take place the following week during a special meeting.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Herstzuber, a resident of Millis and current member of the American Model Yachting Association is asking the committee for use of the pond at Choate Park 2-3 times per week for the proposed boating club. The races would only be a few hours in the early mornings with no more than 20 attendees. The use of the pond would run from Spring to Fall.

Ms. Rossi asked if they would be willing to pay for the use of the pond since it will be used frequently. Mr. Herstzuber does not see an issue finding funds for use of the pond. Ms. Hachenberg suggested he apply for a grant through the Medway Cultural Council to help pay for the use of the pond. She noted the next grant cycle starts in October. In addition, she suggested advertising in the local adult education classes for participants.

Ms. Rossi like the idea and suggested possibly offering it through parks and rec as a class for children/adults. She noted it will be voted on at the next meeting.

Cultural Council - Pixie Project

Ms. Moffatt requested space to display Pixies in Choate Park during a 1- or 2-day event this spring/Summer. She will need two places in the park; one to display the fairies and another to display the small fairy houses. She noted this project will consist of 50 participant creating

fairies and houses via zoom with pre-packaged kits that are part of a grant by the Medway Cultural Council. Possible locations in Choate Park were discussed as well as available dates and it was tentatively agreed the Pixie Project could reserve what would have been Medway Day – July 24th. Due to possible vandalism or weather, it would need to be a one-day event or taken down at night. Ms. Rossi explained the vote will occur in the next two weeks and will let her know. Ms. Hachenberg asked what possible dates are available for Art in the Park. Ms. Rossi explained it could be done in each season and possibly in the evening during sunset. Ms. Rossi will provide dates that will work with the Parks schedule to provide options. Ms. Rossi asked Mr. Pelletier about possible parking options that would accommodate overflow during multiple events.

Ice Signs at Choate Park/Pond

Mr. Farrell request new signs surrounding the pond to stay off the ice. His concern is that people are not aware that there is running water under the ice and it is extremely dangerous. It was discussed to place signs at the multiple entry points to the pond. Ms. Rossi suggested making a public announcement on social media to make residents aware of the running water. Mr. Pelletier will work on talking with the appropriate committee on updating the signs.

Wedge Season Update

Ms. Rossi thanked Mr. Pelletier and his team for the tremendous job they have done working on the turf. Mr. Pelletier provided an update on the snow removal at various locations. Ms. Rossi asked if Rad will need to come out to look at the fields again regarding crumb rubber. Mr. Pelletier said if they cannot reuse the crumb rubber, he will reach out to other service providers to compare cost estimates to Rad and go from there. He reviewed a few options on different equipment that could be used to help elongate life of the turf.

Spring Fields

There will not be any voting on fields due to lack of quorum.

Ms. Harrington and Mr. Boucher will speak later about his scheduled dates and field availability for lacrosse use. Mr. Hodge asked if pickle ball instruction is scheduled for the middle school courts. Ms. Harrington said it might have a night in the spring, but it is not yet scheduled. The high school court could not be used as there is no pickle ball lines there.

Adjournment

Ms. Rossi adjourned the Parks and Rec Commission Meeting at approximately 8:20PM

A follow up meeting will be scheduled next week to conduct voting and minute approval.

Respectfully submitted by,
Metaxia Mitropoulos