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# TOWN OF MEDWAY

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### PARKS COMMISSION

**APPROVED 4/27/2021**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
March 31, 2021 – 7pm  
155 Village Street  
Sanford Hall

#### **In attendance:**

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

**Others:** Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation, Peter Pelletier, Dan Shea, Jimmy Patel, Prashant Rathore, Antoinette Hemphill

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### **Public Comment**

No comments

#### **Committee Business**

##### *Stroller Bootcamp*

Antoinette is the owner of Mama Beast Bootcamp she addressed the committee requesting the use of Choate Park or another appropriate location to hold classes for approximately 1 ½ hours. She is looking to expand her established business from West Roxbury and Walpole into Medway based on feedback from her members. She is currently not looking to be listed under the Parks and Rec programming rather an independent class which would require separate enrollment each time as well as liability insurance. Additional locations were discussed as possible locations to hold the class throughout the summer. A Fee schedule was discussed based on membership rates and projected attendance. Ms. Rossi suggested \$35/HR fee. Mr. Farrell agreed and added to allow at that rate through June and reevaluate fees after June based on location availability and attendance.

**Mr. Farrell moved to approve the use of Choate Park on Friday mornings to Mama Beast at a rate of \$35/HR through June. Ms. Rossi seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 4-0-0**

##### *Cricket in Medway*

Jimmy and Prashant returned to the committee after a years' time due to Covid requesting the use of Idyllbrook field for Cricket games. The committee had suggested a few fields to them but based on the games' requirements such as yardage and field placement, they concluded Idyllbrook best fits their needs. Ms. Rossi noted Idyllbrook is widely used by many organizations and based on how the pitch would be set up during a Cricket match there would not be sufficient space (11 v 11) for any other use. Prashant

noted the artificial turf would not disturb the field for other uses, however Mr. Farrell replied based on the presented diagrams the destruction of the existing grass for turf would in fact disrupt the use of the field. As an alternative, Mr. Farrell suggested the back field of the Middle School as a possible location; however, Ms. Rossi is unsure if there is sufficient space there as well.

In response to Prashant's request for weekend use from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Farrell noted Idyllbrook is at capacity during the requested months by the Soccer and Baseball leagues

Mr. Core suggested Lower Memorial however, Mr. Peter Pelletier thinks it will be too wet on that field. Alternatively, an open space field was suggested as possible use.

Ms. Rossi and Prashant spoke briefly of the financing option and said it will need to go through the proper channels.

Ms. Rossi suggested presenting this to the master planning for the Town recreation locations as an item for review.

Lastly, it was asked if there was any open space that could be leased from the Town and built to suit their needs. Ms. Rossi did not think there was anything available currently.

### *High School Parking*

The committee discussed the ongoing parking issues at the High School idling in the fire lane during pick up/drop off at games and practice. Several possible deterrence or solutions were discussed such as 'No drop off' signs, stationary flip up cones, directives from coaches and police patrolling with tickets for offenders. Mr. Pelletier noted the road behind the high school falls under the School Department jurisdiction.

### *Spring Rate*

Ms. Harrington said the committee will need to set a rate for the Men's Softball League. They determined keeping the rate the same at \$5,000.

**Ms. Rossi moved to charge the Men's softball league the same rate as previous years of \$5000. Mr. Farrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

Ms. Harrington requested use of the grass field at the High School for Medfield Youth Soccer. They will be using the field a total of four games at a rate of \$125 per game.

**Ms. Rossi moved to approve the Medfield Soccer group to play at the High School grass at a rate of \$125/game for a total of four games on Sunday Mornings. Mr. Farrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

### *Wedge Season*

The committee noted clear fields for the wedge season.

### *Spring 21' field update*

Ms. Harrington noted Soccer, Lacrosse and Football under way. No issues about scheduling. Medway will be hosting the US Women National Lacrosse tryouts.

### *FinCom*

Ms. Rossi met with FinCom on February 10<sup>th</sup> making them aware of their tight budget restraints. There could be a possibility of receiving financial help from FinCom in the future, if needed.

### *Other Business*

Ms. Rossi noted Ms. Williams' intent to step down from the board.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. Farrell moved to approve the Park Commission meeting minutes of December 9, 2020 as amended. Mr. Murphy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

**Mr. Farrell moved to approve the Park Commission meeting minutes of January 13, 2021 as amended. Mr. Core seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

**Mr. Farrell moved to approve the Park Commission meeting minutes of January 27, 2021 as amended. Mr. Murphy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

**Mr. Core moved to approve the Park Commission meeting minutes of March 3, 2021 as amended. Mr. Farrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

### ***Peter Pelletier Updates***

Mr. Pelletier noted a meeting scheduled to discuss the possibility of updated the high school tennis courts to include pickle ball construction and additional lighting.

Test cores were performed in the tennis courts to see the composition of soil beneath. It was determined additional work would be needed to help alleviate drainage issues.

A new turf vendor will perform GMAX testing as well as useful life of the turf. Three fields will be tested followed by grooming and additional crumb rubber added.

Steve will start fertilizer treatments at a cost of \$9,000.

Ms. Harrington mentioned a request for field use for the purpose of the Jr. Prom.

### **Adjournment**

**At approximately 9:02 p.m. Ms. Rossi moved to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting. Mr. Murphy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Metaxia Mitropoulos, Recording Secretary