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**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**PARKS COMMISSION**

**APPROVED 3/31/2021**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
March 3, 2021 – 7:30am  
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

**In attendance:**

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

**Others:** Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jeb Booth, Scorpions Soccer; Aileen Green, President Medway Youth Football; Preston Gales, Medway Youth Softball

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**Public Comment**

No comments

**Committee Business**

Ms. Rossi reviewed the proposed request from Bob Herstzuber for weekly reoccurring use of Choate Pond for a proposed model yachting club. The Committee agreed once or twice a week was an adequate number of days for Mr. Herstzuber to use the pond. If numbers grow, they will reevaluate his time allotment with the possibility of more. Ms. Harrington will work out the schedule with Mr. Herstzuber.

***Ms. Williams moved to approve sailboat racing at Choate Park, one to two days a week (1 weekend/1 weekday) with a limit of 20 participant with a review after 3 months. Mr. Core seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a vote of 5-0-0 during a roll call vote as follows.***

***Lyle Core – Yes, John Farrell – Yes, Joanne Williams – Yes, Sean Murphy – Yes, Debi Rossi – Yes.***

Ms. Rossi reviewed the proposed request for the use of Choate Park during a weekend in the Summer for the use of The Pixie Project. This would include space at the pavilion and possibly the space by the fair house. The proposed date would be July 24<sup>th</sup> which is also Medway Day with the possibly of two days, however due to vandalism concerns the Pixies would need to be taken down at night and redisplayed the next day.

***Ms. Williams moved to approve The Pixie Project the use of Choate Park on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> with the possibly of extending to the 25<sup>th</sup> with reinstallation along the path in Choate Park. Mr. Farrell seconded, and motion carried unanimously with a vote of 5-0-0 during a roll call vote as follows.***

***Lyle Core – Yes, John Farrell – Yes, Joanne Williams – Yes, Sean Murphy – Yes, Debi Rossi – Yes.***

Ms. Rossi reviewed the proposed request for the use of Choate Park during a time in the summer at sunset for Art in the Park. Potential times and dates were discussed which included during the farmer's market. Ms. Harrington will work with the Pixie Project to secure dates and times throughout the coming months.

***Ms. Rossi moved to approve Art in the Park the use of Choate Park under Ms. Harrington's discretion. Mr. Farrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a vote of 5-0-0 during a roll call vote as follows.***

***Lyle Core – Yes, John Farrell – Yes, Joanne Williams – Yes, Sean Murphy – Yes, Debi Rossi – Yes.***

Ms. Rossi reviewed the proposed request for additional signage around Choate Pond access points preventing skating/access during the winter months when ice is present. The pond is extremely dangerous to skate on as there is running water under the ice. In response to a question asked by Ms. Williams, it was decided Peter will handle sourcing the signage.

### **Wedge Season Update**

Ms. Harrington reviewed the current wedge season schedule. She noted first games will start in the next two weeks. She noted only two spectators per child for the home team will be allowed, per the Tri-Valley rules.

Ms. Harrington shared the Spring Schedule on the screen starting in March and noting the start of season for The Scorpions, Medway Football and Stars requesting Friday nights. Ms. Harrington reviewed various requests from other groups for the March schedule.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the April calendar for the committee. It was noted grass field use is dependent on weather.

Ms. Rossi asked if the teams are aware of time overages and leaving the fields promptly to accommodate the next playing teams.

Ms. Williams asked Ms. Harrington for a list of names/teams and sport for reference.

Mr. Core asked for a contact list to alleviate communication for Ms. Harrington.

Ms. Rossi clarified some terminology on the calendar for Ms. Williams explaining the "MY" means Medway Youth as opposed to other groups outside of the town.

Ms. Rossi confirmed High School Spring sports starts on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Harrington noted highlighted items on the calendar are tentative.

Ms. Rossi asked what “Oakland Performance” is. Ms. Harrington noted it is a high school musical performance.

Ms. Rossi asked if concessions will be open and it was noted by Ms. Harrington, she had contacted the person responsible.

Ms. Harrington noted fields being offline the week of graduation for school use/graduation. She reviewed the June schedule.

Ms. Rossi thanked Ms. Harrington for the work involved in putting the schedule together to accommodate all participating parties needs and urged her to ask for help when needed.

Mr. Farrell asked if they are prepared to adjust the schedule based on changing protocols. Ms. Harrington confirmed they will follow any guidelines set forth and relay them to the participating teams.

***Ms. Rossi moved to approve the Spring Schedule as is and allow Ms. Harrington the ability to modify as needed. Mr. Farrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote of 5-0-0 as follows.***

***Lyle Core – Yes, John Farrell – Yes, Joanne Williams – Yes, Sean Murphy – Yes, Debi Rossi – Yes.***

Ms. Rossi noted the next meeting will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> and will approve minutes and have a revised update on FinCom then.

### **Adjournment**

***Ms. Rossi moved to adjourn the Parks and Rec Commission Meeting at approximately 8:29AM. Ms. Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote of 5-0-0 as follows.***

***Lyle Core – Yes, John Farrell – Yes, Joanne Williams – Yes, Sean Murphy – Yes, Debi Rossi – Yes.***

Respectfully submitted by,  
Metaxia Mitropoulos, Recording Secretary