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TOWN OF MEDWAY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PARKS COMMISSION

APPROVED 7/28/2021

Town of Medway
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
May 26, 2021 – 6:30pm
Sanford Hall
Medway Town Hall
155 Village Street

In attendance:

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Chair, John Farrell, Sean Murphy

Absent: Lyle Core

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

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Public Comment

No comments

Committee Business

Eagle Scouts Project

Dan Hudon from the Eagle Scouts is requesting permission from the Parks Committee to put informative historical markers on the sidewalk at Buzz Johnson and Lilian Hodgson Memorial Park as an Eagle Scouts project. Debi told the committee that she had already met with Dan along with others involved to pick out an appropriate spot for the markers which is along the sidewalk.

John moved to approve the Eagle Scouts project to place markers at the Buzz and Lilian Park. Sean seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Blackstone Millville Band Competition

Julie updated the committee on the request received from the Blackstone Band to use the High School Complex facilities on September 25th.

Deb moved to approve the Blackstone Millville Band to use the High School Complex for their band competition on September 25th from 12pm to 9pm. Sean seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Medway Royals

Debi thanked Anthony for his responsiveness and taking responsibility for the incident that occurred involving a gate at one of the fields. Debi was not sure about the fine process but decided not to impose any fine or punishments due to the group taking responsibility. There was no damage made to the gate or cost to the town, therefore just a warning will be issued.

Master Planning Commission

Debi updated the committee on the community forum which had approx. 100 people in attendance. Attendees were asked a number of questions about what makes Medway great, with an overwhelming number saying 'Community'. Residents were encouraged to share ideas of what they would want to see in Medway such as community pools, turfs, fields etc. Debi is impressed with the consultant working with the town and her level of commitment to the community. Debi said the next master planning meeting will be on June 28th.

Summer/Fall Fields

Julie noted the summer schedule is set as well as new rentals.

Julie shared New England Surf cancelled their tournament last minute due to out of state players backing out because of Massachusetts regulation. In the future they will have to pay ahead and not receive preferential treatment.

Spring Fields and year end balances

The Scorpions have an outstanding balance of \$60K. Julie has given them a deadline of June 30th to pay off the balance. Julie has told them she cannot rent anymore fields to them until something is paid. Sean will speak to them about payment.

Debi does not have the revenue and expenses report through 3/31 however she notes summaries with a budget balance of \$98K. She will ask Carol to run a report through the end of May so it can be updated for the next meeting.

Pete said the groundskeeping expenses is approximately \$9K

The middle school field is in design process from CBA.

Committee Updates

Debi mentioned she had seen children playing basketball at the Lilian and Buzz Park where the ball would go right over the fence behind the hoops. She received an estimate of \$10K to raise the height of the fences. Ideally, the fence would coincide with the repaving of the court which would cost roughly \$40K. Debi believes this project would be a great submission for the PARC Grant. It was also suggested the Burke Memorial project could be eligible for the grant.

Julie noted Step by Step wants to do their recital again at Oakland. She asked if they should be charged the same as last year.

Deb moved to charge Step by Step \$100 fee for their recital at Oakland. John seconded and the motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Julie noted lots of interest from groups running classes and events in Choate Park. Debi suggested funneling requested space to other park locations such as Buzz and Lilian.

Julie also reminded the committee of the fishing derby happening the following Saturday from 7-11am.

Julie told the committee she purchased a shed for storage and will be ordering tents for summer camps. She also said there are a number of activities starting such as summer concerts, wild Wednesdays, paddle nights. Julie also noted that the concerts are fully funded by donations from local businesses.

John asked about when lights need to be shut off at the field since receiving complaints about the lights being on past 10PM. Julie confirmed the town by-law states lights need to be off by 10PM.

Approval of Minutes

Debi moved to approve the Parks Commission meeting minutes dated April 27, 2021 as amended. John seconded and the motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Deb moved to approve the Parks Commission meeting minutes dated May 7, 2021 as amended. John seconded and the motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Debi announced the next meeting will have new role assignments for the committee.

Sean moved to nominate Debi Rossi as Chair. John seconded and the motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Pete noted he will test the splash pad next week to make sure it runs properly.

Adjournment

At approximately 7:51PM Debi moved to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously. 3-0

Sean – Yes, John – Yes, Debi – Yes

Respectfully submitted by,
Metaxia Mitropoulos, Recording Secretary