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# TOWN OF MEDWAY

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### PARKS COMMISSION

**APPROVED 6/29/2022**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
April 27, 2022 – 6:30 PM  
Sanford Hall, Medway Town Hall  
155 Village Street

**Park Commissioners:** Debi Rossi, Lyle Core, Sean Murphy, John Farrell, and Rick D'Innocenzo

**Absent:**

**Others:** Julie Harrington, Pete Pelletier, Dan Shea, Glenn Johnson, Zach Davis, Steve Davis, Andrea Davis, Mike Cannistraro, Gail Hachenburg, and Jordan Warnick

**Call to Order:** At 6:30PM, Ms. Rossi called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments:** There were none at this time.

**Other Business:** There was no other business at this time.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** March 23, 2022

**VOTE:** Mr. Farrell offered a motion to accept the 3/23/22 minutes as amended. Ms. Rossi seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

**2. Master Plan Update**

Ms. Rossi demonstrated to the commissioners how to access the Medway Master Plan Committee site in order to access their information and survey. She also informed the commissioners how to provide feedback and personal suggestions for the Master Plan Committee.

### **3. Cultural Council – Handball Wall Mural Discussion**

The artist, Mr. Cannistraro was present to share and address his proposals for the peace garden mural.

Ms. Rossi expressed concerns about the images being potentially too bright and not appropriately subdued for the location. In response, the artist clarified that his instinct was to design art that was more uplifting and evocative of positive memories with loved ones who have passed away.

In regard to the budget, Ms. Rossi stated that the Select Board will not be paying for this project. The approximate cost for this project is \$7,200 for both sides of the mural.

Mr. Cannistraro noted that the Board of Parks should not feel prohibited from approving this project, as they will not be held accountable for the funding.

Ms. Harrington noted that she met with Tina Wright and offered a suggestion that one side be a mural, while the other side be a kids' area with chalk.

Ms. Rossi suggested that the funding for this project could be potentially shared by a few committees and groups, as opposed to just one.

**VOTE:** Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the painting of one side of the mural, subject to funding and approval from the Select Board. Mr. Farrell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 4-0.

### **4. Cricket**

The team members were present to address this matter. They shared that they toured the fields at Idylbrook in order to determine if they were suitable for cricket. They shared a quote for establishing a cricket pitch in Medway, which was approximately \$9,800.

Mr. Pelletier shared that the area to potentially establish a cricket field is currently unused and could be an option. His only concern was irrigation.

Mr. Core noted the timeline, which goes from early May to late August, with the potential for playoffs in September. Availability would be based on other users and could result in possible timing of permit from mid-June to late August and is therefore subject to availability.

Ms. Rossi expressed concern about digging in existing fields, which is subject to regrading in the next few years.

Ms. Rossi inquired about the average duration of a cricket game. The team members clarified that a game is 6 hours, typically from 12pm-6pm, with approximately 30 minutes for setup and 30 minutes for breakdown. This means that the team would need exclusive access to the fields during this time frame on both Saturdays and Sundays during the aforementioned timeline. They shared that they are flexible, but that 20 total dates would be ideal during this timeframe.

Mr. D'Innocenzo arrived at 7:30PM.

Mr. D’Innocenzo inquired about maintenance of the cricket field. Ms. Rossi expressed particular concern about mowing patterns. When he inquired about installation of the fields, the team clarified that installation is a weeklong process.

Mr. Murphy clarified that once the cricket field is built, it belongs to the town.

**VOTE:** Mr. Core offered a motion to accept cricket subject to construction being done at the appropriate time working with DPW, as well as earning approval from the Select Board. Mr. D’Innocenzo seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

The commissioners did not need approval from Medway Youth Soccer; rather, the Board wanted MYS to be involved since they are the primary users of those fields.

### **5. Shed at Middle School for MY Softball**

Mr. Davis and his son, Zach, were present to address this matter. Zach shared that the shed would be designed for field maintenance and storage. It would be 10-12 feet in size (10’ x 10’ or 10’ x 12’). Zach offered to provide project management services to the town as part of his Eagle Scout project. He noted that Medway Youth Softball is also willing to provide funding to this project. Zach noted that he planned to put it behind the softball field in a clearing towards the back near the houses.

Ms. Rossi expressed concern about potential rodent activity in the shed; the team confirmed that the shed will be sealed well.

**VOTE:** Mr. Farrell offered a motion to allow Zach to move forward with the shed project in partnership with the DPW and Medway Youth Softball. Mr. D’Innocenzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

### **6. Spring and summer fields update**

Ms. Harrington shared that the new softball field is done. She noted that there are a number of tournaments arranged for the spring and summer.

### **7. Chair update**

Ms. Rossi shared that she reviewed the budget for June through March. She noted that DPW costs were dramatically lower than expected. Mr. Pelletier confirmed that this upcoming quarter will be higher.

Ms. Rossi also noted that Ms. Harrington is generating significant revenue through her programming.

Ms. Rossi noted that Mr. Boynton still needs to meet with Dr. Pires about the proposed Parks policy on advertising and the SLA agreement between Parks and the Schools.

The committee also discussed getting a scoreboard at Lamson.

## **8. Director update**

Ms. Harrington inquired as to what the committee felt the VFW fee for the summer adult league should be. The committee settled on \$6,500, as this is what they charged in the summer of 2019.

**VOTE:** Mr. Murphy offered a motion to charge the VFW \$6,500 for the summer league. Ms. Rossi seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

Ms. Harrington also shared that there is a softball group who wishes to utilize the VFW field on Saturday mornings from 8:30-12:30. The committee agreed that \$150 a day is reasonable.

**VOTE:** Mr. Murphy offered a motion to charge the aforementioned group \$150 per day for access to the VFW field. Mr. D'Innocenzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

**VOTE:** Mr. Farrell offered a motion to charge Medway Youth Softball the same rental fee schedule as Kelly Street. Mr. D'Innocenzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

Ms. Harrington noted that she met with Ms. Wright about the peace garden today. There will be a dedication on June 13.

She also noted that the baseball fence has shipped. It also has a rip in one of the sections. Mr. Pelletier plans to reach out to the vendor.

Ms. Harrington also shared that the Easter egg hunt was a big success.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 9:07PM, Mr. Farrell offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. D'Innocenzo seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 5-0.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:07pm**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Amelia McLaughlin, Recording Secretary