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# TOWN OF MEDWAY

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### PARKS COMMISSION

**APPROVED 9/27/2023**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
August 30, 2023 – 6:30 PM  
Sanford Hall, Medway Town Hall

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

**Absent:** None

**Others:** Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Dan Shea, Medway Youth Soccer  
John Cloutier – Medway Youth Lacrosse  
Anir Patel – Cricket  
Hardik Patel - Cricket

**Call to Order:** At 6:33PM, Ms. Rossi called the meeting to order.

**Public Comments:** Anir Patel and Hardik Patel thanked committee and Julie Harrington for the permit and the cricket season and look forward to more seasons.

#### **Other Business:**

**1. Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2023 – Mr. Core made motion to approve 7/27/23 minutes with edits. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion, approved in a 5-0.**

#### **2. Set meeting for fee discussion –**

Ms. Rossi suggested that there be a separate meeting for the field fees, tentatively 9/19.

#### **3. MY Lax storage shed HS – follow up**

A link was sent to committee with a sample of the shed they are proposing. 8 feet tall, 7ft 2 wide and different lengths, they think 8 ft. Ms. Rossi concerned about finding a spot for it. Mr. Farrell mentioned that they have looked for space in the past and couldn’t work out a spot. MYL would like it if it was on HS property, but they are open to anywhere. Several spots were suggested but they are either not allowed or near conservation land. There is room at McGovern, but it would be inconvenient and only used in the off-season. The committee needs to include Jeff

and school facilities person, and perhaps do a walk around and look at options. The spot next to the tackling dummies is a potential option. Ms. Rossi added that they should look at a potential storage solution to accommodate multiple groups.

#### **4. Transfer funds to stabilization – discussion**

The committee discussed whether they should transfer funds into the Stabilization account. Pete Pelletier confirmed that the warrant articles close on 9/18/23. Ms. Rossi suggested that we approve a motion for up to a certain amount and will ask Carol Pratt for her recommendation. The goal is to put some money away to put towards turf fields or improvements. Mr. Murphy asked if we put money in the fund, would it be designated for the fields.

**Mr. Core made a motion to transfer up to \$100,000 into the stabilization fund contingent on conversation with Carol Pratt, Mr. D’Innocenzo seconded the motion. Approved unanimous vote.**

#### **5. Locations for adult soccer – discussion**

They have been using upper Memorial for the summer but is not available in the fall. They are looking for M/W/F from 5-7, but there are no other fields available at this time, Mr. Farrell said maybe McGovern, it’s the only other grass space not being used. Mr. Farrell would work with Dan Shea from Medway Youth Soccer to get some temporary goals over there. Mr. Farrell will walk McGovern with representatives from the adult league to see if they could use it. The HS turf after 7:45 could be an option, not on Fridays, but they would have to pay for lights. If they wanted it, the committee would need to determine the fees. Mr. D’Innocenzo asked what the cost would be to run the lights.

#### **6. Trash at Choate – discussion**

Ms. Harrington and Mr. Pelletier said that some days there are complaints about trash, but it’s been better than when the cans were there.

#### **7. Basketball court at Choate – discussion**

Ms. Harrington wants to start working on this again. Proposing that they build a court on the Ide House property. We had quotes previously, but it ended up not being approved. They will need to get a solid quote for the cost. Ms. Rossi suggested that we could apply for CPA funding.

#### **8. Choate Park Snack Shack – discussion**

Ms. Harrington proposed idea of putting a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the snack shack or perhaps knocking it down and rebuilding. She suggested that the 1<sup>st</sup> floor could be the splash pad controller storage, restrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, multi-purpose room with kitchen, windows with view of pond, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor would be offices. They could make money from programs and facility rentals. Ms. Rossi agrees that the committee should look into this proposal.

#### **9. Renting lights for fall – discussion**

Mr. Core and Ms. Harrington brought this up at the last meeting. Last year, lights were split 3 ways on HS grass fields. Dan Shea isn’t sure if MYS would use the lights, they only need lights for the last 3-4 weeks or the season and a portion of the field was not in great shape, so maybe

not worth it. Mr. Core suggested lighting a field at Idylbrook. Mr. Shea asked about re-lining the HS turf field in the spring for smaller fields, maybe 9v9 fields, Mr. Farrel thought Lamson would be better because there are fewer lines. Mr. Murphy suggested we get a quote to see what it would cost to paint additional lines. Ms. Harrington said that without additional lighting, she might not be able to fulfill all field requests. Since Scorpions gave back turf on Tues/Thurs, 6-9, MYS soccer could possibly use that.

#### **10. Fall Field schedule – discussion/approval**

Ms. Harrington commented that she worked out all of the conflicts, fields are mostly full. There are a few more openings because Scorpions backed out of Tues/Thurs. They are still paying the same fees.

Representatives from cricket asked about additional availability for the fall, Ms. Harrington responded that there were not fields available and Ms. Rossi reiterated that it would not be safe for them to share fields with soccer.

**Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the fall field schedule Ms. Harrington proposed. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote.**

#### **11. Event Field rental – Multiple Sclerosis Cornhole fundraiser 9/9**

To be held at the VFW. Start setting up at 1:00

**Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the MS organization using the field at VFW for a Corn Hole tournament on 9/9. Mr. Farrell seconded. Approved in a unanimous vote.**

#### **12. Chair Update**

Ms. Rossi reiterated that she wanted to have 2 meetings in September, one dedicated to setting field fees. The committee agreed to meet on Tues, Sept 19 to discuss fees.

#### **13. Director update**

Ms. Harrington noted that it was a busy summer. She shared registration numbers from programs showing an increase from the previous year.

Mr. Pelletier reported that DPW is still working on Hanlon field re-design project.

**Mr. Murphy Made a motion to adjourn at 8:08, Ms. Rossi seconded the motion. Approved in a unanimous vote.**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – Field Fees

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted by,  
Marianne Boynton, Recording Secretary  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts