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TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PARKS COMMISSION

APPROVED 8/24/2022

Town of Medway
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting
July 28, 2022 – 6:30 PM
Medway Senior Center

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Sean Murphy, and Rick D’Innocenzo (arrived 7:20pm)

Absent: Lyle Core, John Farrell

Others: Julie Harrington, Dan Shea

Call to Order: At 6:40 PM, Ms. Debi Rossi called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: No public comments outside of agenda items.

Other Business: There was none at this time

1. Master Plan Update

Ms. Rossi provided an update on the Master Plan and requested that Committee members provide any feedback to her. The Committee discussed the possibility of building a town pool. Ms. Rossi said that the town would benefit from a private/public project similar to Wellesley’s. Mr. D’Innocenzo suggested contacting the Town of Wellesley to understand what process they completed. Medway should consider a 50 meter pool (Olympic-size).

2. Spring and Summer Field Update

Mr. Shea said that the Medway Youth Soccer use of Idylbrook fields on Wednesdays is working out very well. He noted that there are various age groups currently using the field (2nd/3rd grade, 7th/8th grade and 6th grade). Mr. Shea said that the fields are currently being used by coaches who requested access, and that there are plans to increase team participation going forward.

3. Cricket Status

Mr. Shea noted that the field is in process.

4. Trash at Choate

Ms. Harrington said that trash issues continue at Choate Park, and that they continue to work with park visitors to educate and reinforce the policy to take out whatever they bring in.

5. Basketball/Multisport Court at Choate

Ms. Harrington said that Vermont Recreation visited the site on Monday July 25th, and that the total cost for the new court will be approximately \$250,000. Ms. Rossi noted that she would like to get this item on a town warrant and that she expects that the CPC will support this initiative and provide funding. Ms. Harrington said that the goal is to have a multi-sport court.

6. Fall Community Events

Ms. Harrington said that the Pumpkin Walk will be held at Choate on October 28th. Ms. Harrington requested that the commission volunteer that evening. The Blackstone Millville band competition will be back in Medway on September 24th.

7. Scoreboard for Lamson Field

Ms. Rossi said that she would like to see the scoreboard in place by Spring 2023. Mr. Murphy said that he expects the maximum amount to be \$35,000, and discussion continued about the funding options available. Ms. Rossi said that the Committee could purchase the scoreboard and work on securing a sponsorship to offset the total cost.

VOTE: Mr. D’Innocenzo offered a motion to purchase the Lamson Field scoreboard for a maximum of \$35,000 with the intention to get a sponsor in place. Ms. Rossi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 3-0.

8. Mural at Choate

Ms. Rossi noted that the Committee did not vote on funding for the mural at Choate Park at the last meeting. Ms. Rossi reminded the Committee that the Cultural Council intends to allocate \$500 towards this project.

VOTE: Ms. Rossi offered a motion to recommend a \$1,000 allocation with art on both sides of the wall. Mr. D’Innocenzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 3-0.

9. Sex Offenders posted at Choate/Oakland Parks

Ms. Rossi noted that the police want to post notification of sex offenders at Choate and Oakland parks.

VOTE: Ms. Rossi offered a motion to allow the Medway police to post the information as noted. Mr. D’Innocenzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 3-0.

10. Fall Fields

Ms. Harrington said that the Medway Youth Football program begins on August 1st, and that they will be using the Middle School fields (Charland and the practice fields) Monday through Friday for the month of August and will then move to 3x/week usage. Ms. Harrington said that the full fall schedule for the fields is not complete. Ms. Harrington said the Medway Youth Soccer requested use of the Charland Field in September, and Mr. Shea said that the request was due to the need for lights. Ms. Rossi said that the Committee needs a plan for field lights, and must determine how many are needed, as well as the cost. Ms. Harrington said that the town had prepared to rent lights last year, but that they were unavailable at the time. Ms. Rossi noted that the Committee will discuss field lights at the next meeting, once the fall schedule is finalized.

VOTE: Ms. Rossi offered a motion to allow Medway Youth Football to use the Middle School fields in August (Monday through Friday). Mr. D’Innocenzo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **VOTE: 3-0.**

11. Approval of Minutes June 29, 2022

VOTE: Ms. Rossi offered a motion to accept the 6/29/22 minutes as amended. Mr. Murphy seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. **VOTE: 3-0.**

12. Chair update

Ms. Rossi had no other updates at this time.

13. Director’s update

Ms. Harrington noted that the swim team was going well, noting that Holliston will be added next year, so the team will have members from Medway, Millis and Holliston going forward.

VOTE: At 8:14PM, Ms. Rossi adjourned the meeting. (Motion made by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Murphy; passed unanimously, 3-0 to adjourn.)

Motion to Adjourn: At 8:14PM, Mr. Farrell offered a motion to adjourn. Ms. Rossi seconded this motion, Ms. Rossi seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. VOTE: 3-0.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,
Amelia McLaughlin, Recording Secretary