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# TOWN OF MEDWAY

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### PARKS COMMISSION

**APPROVED 12/9/2020**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
November 13, 2020  
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, Peter Pelletier, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works, Jeff Parcels, Athletics Director, Terry Lahane, Spartans

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### **Field plowing:**

Ms. Rossi thanked Mr. Parcels for attending the meeting. Ms. Harrington and Mr. Pelletier had a conversation with Michael Boynton, the town manager regarding the plowing of the fields. Mr. Boynton's thoughts were to have two sidewalk tractors come over after road/sidewalks were done to clear the fields. There is limited money to pay for R.A.D to plow the fields this year.

Ms. Rossi asked Mr. Parcels what his thoughts were on the "wedge" season. He stated a lot could happen between now and February. The high school athletic needs are just having Hanlon cleared. The snow that occurred on October 30<sup>th</sup>, the soccer team came down and cleared it with plastic shovels. He didn't believe that was sustainable over a season. Millis High Athletics is looking to possibly rent a field in February. Mr. Parcels stated that the schools have a piece of equipment that could be possibly be used on the fields as well, a snow thrower. There was a discussion whether Patrick would be able clear the fields after the school sidewalks and parking lots are done.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Parcels if the schools would be able to help pay for the plowing of the fields. Mr. Parcels wasn't sure how much field plowing would cost and had to look to see what was available in his budget. He would also have to speak to Dr. Pires and Mr. Don Acardi, the Director of the school's finances. Mr. Murphy asked about the possibility of the Turkey Trot money might be available for the fields as well. Mr. Parcels said he would look into that and get back to the commission.

Ms. Rossi asked Mr. Pelletier of all the options presented, did he think Mr. Boyntons suggestion of DPW clearing the fields was the best? Mr. Pelletier believes that is our only option with all

things considered. Mr. Parcels understood and was fine that there could be times the fields won't be able to be cleared and schedules would have to be adjusted.

**Tournament/field update:**

The fee for the Spartans of \$125/hour was voted and approved at the November 4, 2020 meeting. Mr. Lehané was hoping that the commission might be able to discount the rate even further. He stated that organization was not being run to make money. They wanted to give the soccer players another opportunity to play. The fees charging teams was to cover fields, insurance, and officials. Mr. Lehané thanked the commission for working with him on the fee. The commissioners were fine with charging a per game fee. Ms. Rossi asked Mr. Lehané what Hopkinton was charging per game and he stated it was \$90. The round robin was occurring over 9 days. They have multiple site locations across the state.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted unanimously to charge the Spartans \$100/game for the period November 20-29 and TBD snow plowing cost. The motion carried.**

**Chair comments:**

None

**Director's Update:**

None

**Future Park Meeting Dates:**

December 9 at 7PM

**Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the remote meeting via Zoom at 9:58 a.m. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation