Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2018

Medway Town Hall (Sanford Hall)

**In attendance:**

Park Commissioners: Debi Rossi, Sean Murphy, Mike Tudino

Other: Shirley Bliss, Andrew Ruggeri (MYS), Rich Coakley (MYB & MYC), Glenn Trindade, Steve Carew (DPW), Jeb Booth (Scorpions),

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tudino at 6:32PM.

BOS, D’ Innocenzo joined the meeting around 8:00PM.

Meeting Minutes:

05/02/2018: ***A motion was made Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes of 05/02/2018 as amended, seconded by Mr. Tudino. Ms. Rossi abstained.***

Discussion:

* **Parks Commission Re-Org (Elect Chair and Vice Chair)-**
* ***A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to nominate Mr. Tudino as the new Chair of Parks Commission and Ms. Rossi as the Vice-Chair, motion was seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.***
* ***A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to appoint Ms. Rossi as the Parks liaison to CPC, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.***
* Mr. Tudino will represent Parks Commission at EPFRAC meetings.
* Mr. Mahoney was the CPC representative at EPFRAC meetings. New appointment from CPC will be made when they meet next time.
* **Holliston Youth LAX issue**
* Mr. Tudino spoke with Holliston youth group coach about the issue. There was some miscommunication with the new coach in regards to the new equipment usage. He said there seems to be an understanding now. He added that a stock of Soccer and Lacrosse nets inventory should be done annually.
* There was some discussion on the ownership of the nets. It was discussed that some purchases are made by Parks Commission and some by high school. Mr. Murphy said Holliston youth group bought two nets in the past. Members agreed that the conflict shouldn’t have occurred and that steps should be taken to avoid such situations in the future. Mr. Tudino agreed to reach out to Ken to close the loop on the issue.
* **Medway High School LAX Senior night issue-**
* Mr. Murphy opened the discussion on this topic. He said the senior night issue had nothing to do with Parks Commission or the schedules established by the Commission for Medway fields. High School fields schedule is usually put together by Mr. Pearl and given to Parks Commission. It’s a high school and Athletic Director issue. Mr. Murphy was willing to respond to the inquiries on this issue but was not sure how it will be perceived.
* Ms. Rossi said it’s something to keep in mind when scheduling the fields for next year. Mr. Tudino agreed that Parks Commission should be able to remove the road blocks in scheduling the fields for spring sports.
* **Oakland, Choate, & Middle School Construction Update/Impacts**:
* *Choate Park*: Mr. Carew provided an update to the members. He said the construction crew hit ground water which might become an issue for electrical work. As of today construction work is on schedule.
* Construction schedule and the current situation might have been discussed at the construction meeting today. These are weekly meetings scheduled every Thursday.
* *Oakland Park*: Work has been ongoing without significant issues. Generator will be made available and irrigation work will be un-interrupted this season. Irrigation system at Oakland Park is not running at this time. The temporary line will be active in about 2 weeks. Mr. Murphy asked that Mr. D’Amico provide an update on the status of procuring a generator to power the irrigation line. Commissioners said it should be in place soon. There was some discussion on renting a generator for the time being until a proper generator is made available.
* **Thayer House Concerts / Movie Nights**
* Parking issue during the events at Thayer House was discussed. Movies will be played on the backside of Thayer House. Mr. Mahoney said the movie nights are usually not well attended.
* **Camp Sunshine at Middle School-**
* Mr. Carew said there are few more things to be set up for Camp Sunshine summer camp and they are considered minor. He said getting electricity and access to water might be an issue due to the ongoing work at Middle School. Water slide will be set up outside the fenced area
* **Discussion/evaluation of other in-town playgrounds**
* With the two main playgrounds at Oakland and Choate being out of commission for construction, Mr. Tudino wanted to ensure that they are all in good working condition(s) if the need arises.
* **VFW Complex Update-**
* **Rentals/ Repairs:**
* No one heard anything new about updates to VFW complex.
* **MSPTO Date- Sunday, Sept. 9th 7am – 2pm**
* Mr. Tudino wanted to make sure that the location is reserved for the event. The type of event activities is not clear at this time. Ms. Bliss will check with VFW about this event for September 9th between 7AM – 2PM.
* **Sunscreen dispensers inquiry-**
* Members initially wanted to table the discussion of this topic. Mr. Murphy wanted to provide his comments on the issue. He is ok with funding the purchase of supplies for existing dispensers at the high school. The expenses are estimated at $200 per year. DPS will be responsible for re-filling the dispensers. Mr. Tudino supported the idea.
* ***A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to authorize funding ($ 200 for 2018/2019 school year for (sunscreen and batteries) the maintenance of the existing dispenser at Medway High school subject to Board of Health approval, seconded by Mr. Tudino. All were in favor***.
* The second part of the discussion was the request to purchase sunscreen dispensers at other locations in town. It was tabled until the next meeting.
* **Field Schedule Update-**
* **Review previously approved special fall event permits-**
* Soccer Clinic on North field (4:00 – 7:00PM) is scheduled between July 23- 27th, Ms. Rossi asked which group will be running the clinic. Thought was high school might be running the clinic. Ms. Bliss will check into the details of the soccer clinic.
* MY Softball-
* It was discussed that the town could earlier use possibly access Lamson field on Mondays and Fridays and high school teams could use Lamson field on Mondays and Fridays.
* Ms. Bliss will update the schedule with Scorpions on Lamson fields for Sundays.
* High School has soccer events on Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends. It will be a one day event where all Medway fields will be used by them. Ms. Bliss said the Columbus Day event has not been confirmed yet. The alternate date for the event is the Monday of the following week.
* September 22, 2018- 8:00AM – Noon, MYS will have North field. Lamson. Blackstone Millville Music Association will be on North 12-8 the same day.
* October 6th, 2018- All fields plus grass fields are busy.
* GPS tournaments are scheduled in the last week of November.
* It was discussed that when NE Revs teams are on Hanlon field, high school teams usually move to other fields.
* Based on the discussion tonight, revised schedule will be made available to everyone.
* **Recreation Director position posting-**
* Mr. Tudino reported that over 50 applications were received for the position. Selection process is ongoing.
* He talked about MIAA’s leadership training. It could be a valuable add to the new rec. director position. He said it will be a good idea for the town to consider sending the new hire to that training.
* **Open Discussion**:
* Mr. Coakley talked about the town’s current plan to block three trees in the parking lot due to construction work in Cassidy field. He said it will cost the group about 14-16 parking spots. Mr. Carew said there have been some discussions to protect those trees. With the amount of construction happening in town, lack of parking will be an issue.
* Mr. Coakley asked when the Rt. 109 construction materials (concrete bases, traffic light posts) will be moved. It’s impacting parking for the Tondorf Tournament that runs from June 15th through July 19th. He requested moving the Rt. 109 materials from that location. Town Administrator and Glen Trindade will be contacted and made aware of the situation.
* Paul Mahoney said that FINCOM recently started reviewing town’s debt’s liability in the forthcoming years. This means it might become difficult to allocate funds to the fields. He briefly talked about the history of the town not having adequate funds to support athletic fields. He always wanted to ensure there’s enough funds available for the town fields. When the town took over the fields, a SLA was generated with field policies. It’s available on the school website. He requested that when the policies are revised members should ensure that the current allocation of $225,000 to the field stabilization fund is maintained. He urged the members to work with the youth groups when revising the policies.
* He talked about providing enough opportunities for outside groups to rent the fields. The revenue generated could be used for offsetting the increased costs for all fields.

***A motion was made by Mr. Tudino to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM, seconded by Ms. Rossi. All were in favor.***

Next meeting is on June 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Medway Town Hall (Sanford Hall).

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sreelatha Allam