APPROVED- 07/10/2018

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2017

Medway High School

**In attendance:**

Park Commissioners: Paul Mahoney, Sean Murphy, Michael Tudino

Other: David D’Amico, Shirley Bliss

Youth Group Representatives: Tom Emero, Tony Logan

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes-**

**The following meeting minutes were approved as presented:**

**July 10, 2017 August 23, 2017 September 27, 2017**

***A motion was made by Sean Mahoney to accept the meeting minutes as presented, motion was seconded by Paul Mahoney. All were in favor.***

* **Medway Fields**-
  + **Snow Removal Policy**:
    - As discussed at a previous meeting, there will be a singular pass made on each field with the hopes that the sun will melt the snow.
    - Dave D’Amico reported that after discussions with the TA Michael Boynton, there will be NO PLOWING of the fields this year and the town will NOT be hiring anyone to handle the plowing.
      * It was pointed out that by clearing the fields, the high school would benefit by being able to get on the fields earlier in the spring season.
    - The Commissioners asked if hiring of RAD is an option.
      * Dave restated that the possible damage to the fields does not outweigh the income to be made; as the fields will be needed to be cleared after every storm in order to be playable when the need arises – i.e. March 2018 tournaments.
      * Costs per storm to plow would approximately $6000.
      * Town will agree to cut grooves in each field after each storm.

Another discussion on this topic will be held during the November 2017 meeting, where a snow removal policy will be determined.

* **Tournaments – Inside and Outside Groups**
  + After a lengthy and spirited discussion it was suggested and agreed that Medway Groups would be given their tournaments at no costs; AS LONG AS there are no outside children involved in the tournament AND the tournament is being run by a Medway Group.
    - A motion was made and seconded to accept this motion:
      * Motion: Sean Murphy Seconded: Michael Tudino
        + Vote: 2-1-0 Paul Mahoney voting against motion
* **Stabilization Fund:**
  + The Medway Finance Committee is pushing back on the proposed Stabilization Fund deposit of $100,000 at the upcoming Fall Town Meeting.
  + This $100,000 transfer would still leave approximately $208,000 in the Parks Account.
  + They would like to a more defined plan for the future.
    - Need plan to rest the fields – which ones and when
    - Revenue projections for fields
  + All monies placed in the revolving Account are protected and can only be spent with TM Approval.

**Spring Tournament conflicts:**

**NEFC** has asked for March 23rd, 24th and 25th

**Medway Youth LAX** has also asked for March 25th.

The result of a lengthy discussion as that NEFC could have March 23rd and March 24th and Medway Youth LAX would have March 25th as requested. NEFC will be asked to give up March 25th; as Medway youth LAX was not flexible on their date.

**GMAX Testing:**

Going forward the Medway DPS will take charge of making sure at minimum a yearly GMAX test is done on all turf fields in town.

**Field management:**

Commissioner Michael Tudino asked that:

the monthly schedule be sent to the Medway Police Department, along with any interim changes.

A list of current renters and their contact information be provided to each Commissioner.

**Cassidy Field Signage: Tom Emero - Medway Youth Baseball**

“Hatch Paving” – Mr. Hatch exchanged some paving for being allowed to put his

sign up. Sign to be put up on field 3.

**Field Naming: Dave D’Amico**

It has been suggested that something be named after long time Parks employee – Fred Sibley – who recently retired. Mr. D’Amico suggested the following:

Cassidy Complex – Field 2

Choate Park - Trail

**Discussion Items for November 2017 Meeting:**

Invite: Friends of Medway Athletics

Ask them to provide Commissioners with financials for past year.

**OPEN DISCUSSIONS:**

**Medway Dog Park:**

The Commissioners have been receiving complaints that people are up there at all hours of the night and using their car lights to light up the park.

The Police Department will be asked to make more routine checks on the park.

**Field Upgrading:**

Mr. D’Amico reported that he has been asked by the BOS to figure out the costs to bring ALL Medway fields up to premium status. Mr. D’Amico estimates that the Parks would need $60,000 to complete this project. Project could be paid from the Field Revenue Account.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business this meeting was adjourned at: 9:30pm.

Motion: Paul Mahoney Seconded: Sean Murphy Vote: 3-0-0