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**TOWN OF MEDWAY**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**PARKS COMMISSION**

**APPROVED 3/31/2021**

Town of Medway  
Board of Park Commissioners Meeting  
January 13, 2021 – 9am  
Remote Meeting Via Zoom

**In attendance:**

**Park Commissioners:** Debi Rossi, Chair, Sean Murphy, Lyle Core, John Farrell  
**Absent:** Joanne Williams

**Others:** Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jeff Parcels,  
Athletics Director, Karen Niemczyk, Medway Community Education  
Director

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

**Wedge Season**

Ms. Rossi thanked Mr. Parcels for attending the meeting. Mr. Parcels indicated he didn't have much more information in regards to the "Wedge Season". They should have modifications for the sports by the end of the month. They are scheduled to begin the wedge season on Monday, February 22 and will go through the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. The spring season would then begin on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. There is no guidance on the wedge season sports minus volleyball. The sports that will compete outside are football, Indoor track and cheer. They were still waiting to hear about cheer, that is the one sport that isn't sponsored by the MIAA. Ms. Rossi asked Mr. Parcels if they had a tentative football game schedule. Mr. Parcels indicated they did and it hadn't been voted on yet. The first game would either be Friday, March 12 or Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The games earlier in the season will likely will be on Saturdays. It looks like there will be a 6 game schedule. The schedule as it stands but hasn't been voted on is:

Week 1 – Millis @ Medway  
Week 2 – Norton @ Medway  
Week 3 – Medway @ Dedham  
Week 4 – Medway @ Norton  
Week 5 – Medway @ Bellingham  
Week 6 - ? @ Medway

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Parcels for a plowing update. Mr. Parcels stated that Dr. Pires and Town Administrator Michael Boynton had come up with a plan to use the DPW equipment to clear the fields after the sidewalks and streets were done following a storm. The priority would be to clear

North and Hanlon. The snowstorm in December was a good test, Steve Carew and the Parks workers were able to clear the snow off of all 3 fields within a day or two of the storm ending.

### **Spring High School Season Update:**

Ms. Harrington asked Mr. Parcels what the tentative end date was for the Spring 2021 season. Mr. Parcels said the MIAA states the season could end on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was talk of a possible state tournament for spring. Mr. Murphy asked if it snowed the night before a game, would they reschedule? Mr. Parcels stated they had an additional week added to the end of the season for possible make up games.

### **Community Education Summer Camp Dates and Fees:**

Ms. Rossi thanked Ms. Niemczyk for joining the meeting. She wanted to discuss summer fees for Summer Adventures Camp and other programs they are running. They are planning on running an eight-week camp, June 21<sup>st</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>, no July 5<sup>th</sup>. Last summer they had 539 children attend summer adventures 2020. All other programs totaled 100 participants. They were invoiced \$3,234.00. The fields they are looking to use for vendor programs in summer 2021 are: North field for speed and strength, Tennis courts for tennis camp, Hanlon for Flag Football and Track and Field. For summer adventures camp, they hope to use Charland, Kelley Street Softball Diamond, Middle School Tennis Courts. The hours requested are 7:30-5pm.

Ms. Rossi stated that with the high school sports and the unknown of spring it would be a good idea to start programs after June 30<sup>th</sup>. The discussion then moved to summer fees. There was a question on if the fees were changed in January 2020. After Ms. Rossi looked at January 2020 minutes, the vendor camp fees were voted on to be adjusted to \$6/person, the Summer Adventures Camp fee should have remained \$15/person with a cap of \$7500.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted unanimously to charge the Medway Community Education \$15/person with a summer cap of \$7500 for the Summer Adventures Camp and \$6/person for all other camps and programs run by Community Education. The motion carried.**

### **Fields Update (Fall 20, Winter and Spring 21):**

Fall field update: from Ms. Harrington, all the fields have been paid minus one group the scorpions, they stated that the check was in the mail for the balance.

Winter Field update: Ms. Harrington stated that Juventus would continue to use the fields through the winter, the scorpions were also looking to add games on Martin Luther King day. Ms. Harrington was going to work with the Medway Board of Health making sure the scorpions didn't exceed the maximum number allowed by the state guidance.

Spring 21 field requests: Ms. Harrington stated the requests are coming in but were still missing quite a few. The discussion switched to spring tournament discussion. Ms. Harrington was going to reach out the groups looking to use the fields and explain the high school schedule is still not confirmed and there could be a field that will need to be used by the high school. Ms. Harrington said the groups were typically good using the remaining fields available. She stated she would follow up with NEFC, Scorpions and Medway Youth Lacrosse to see if there was flexibility in their dates.

**Chair comments:**

None

**Director's Update:**

Ms. Harrington said the Girl Scouts are looking to use Oakland and Choate to sell and do a contactless drop off. Ms. Harrington suggested that Choate would be a tough location with all the traffic, she suggested that they use Cassidy instead. They were looking to do the events on Saturday/Sundays from 10am-2pm.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Rossi and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted to let the Medway Girls Scouts use Oakland and Cassidy for their cookie sales. The motion carried.**

Medway Parks and Recreation had a busy December. Ms. Harrington stated there were vacation programs run, Santa photos with Tim Rice. Summer planning has begun for 2021. Choate Summer will be extended to Seven weeks. Registration will begin on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**Future Park Meeting Dates:**

January 27 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 10:18 a.m. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Harrington, Director of Parks and Recreation