



# Bolton Parks & Recreation Commission

## Agenda

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, November 3, 2009
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 p.m. ET
<b>Location:</b>	Bolton Town Hall, Downstairs

### Invitees / Attendees

Attendees	Visitors
Karen Regan, chairperson, P&R	Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Joyce Sidopoulos, P&R	Vincent Alfano, Police Chief
Susan Greene, P&R	Valerie Keenan, president Nashoba Girls Basketball
Nancy Carter, P&R	Tom Pokorney, President, Bolton Youth Soccer (BYSA)
Tom Pokorney, P&R	

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#### 1. Requests/Proposals/Grievances

- Establish Nashoba Girls Basketball, Inc. as an agent of the Town to handle Parks and Recreation
  - Commission to formalize Nashoba Girls Basketball, Inc. status as an agent of the Town under Parks and Recreation, per the decision at the October 7, 2009 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting (*Oct. 7 Decision: Agreed, upon the creation of an organization, that Nashoba Girls Basketball will be accepted as an agent the Town of Bolton to handle Recreation; approved by: Karen Regan and Joyce Sidopoulos. Abstained: Tom Pokorney. **Vote required.***
- Forbush Mill Field Grievance.
  - Parks and Recreation Commission to review complaints and recommendations from Forbush Field neighbors and concerned citizens with regard to several field usage issues. Parks and Recreation Commission to weigh complaints against comments made by field users in response to usage issues. Parks and Recreation Commission to review both sides of the issue and determine the appropriate course of action.
  - The issue matrix below highlights the issues, sub-issues, the neighbor's perspective and the user's perspective per issue:

No.	Issue		Neighbors POV/Actions	Users POV/Actions
1.	<b>Noise Control</b>	<i>Non-play Disturbances</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish better controls for non-play disturbances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BYSA has emailed all soccer registrants and asked parents and coaches to help minimize non-play disturbances.</li> </ul>
		<i>Whistles During Weekday Practice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibit whistle-use during weekday practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One BYSA coach from the 9/9/09 P&amp;R meeting suggested that the use of whistles during practice was unnecessary.</li> </ul>
		<i>Profane Language &amp; Unsportsmanlike Conduct</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibit profane language used and unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited by the OTHSL on Sunday mornings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment made on this issue during the 8/5/09 P&amp;R meeting.</li> </ul>

2.	Crowd/Traffic Control/Parking	<i>Overbooking of Forbush Field on Saturday Mornings</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P&amp;R needs to stop overbooking the field. If there is not adequate parking, then too many games are being scheduled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BYSA has tried to stagger the morning games to prevent overcrowding and traffic issues at the field.</li> </ul>
		<i>Illegal On-street Parking/Parking Lot Overflow</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better enforcement of “no on-street parking”</li> <li>If parking is inadequate, then P&amp;R should enforce BYSA to use shuttle buses or limit Saturday morning games.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BYSA has emailed all soccer registrants and asked that players arrive 15 minutes prior to game-start to prevent overlap. Also asked for people to “not linger” after their child’s game concludes.</li> <li>BYSA president emailed all registrants requesting that they car pool whenever possible.</li> </ul>
3.	Hours of Operation	<i>Saturday Games</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The neighbors conceded to the fact that the fields were needed on Saturday for local and state league games. They felt that since they made this concession and compromised their Saturday for the needs of the Town that they felt the Town could concede and give them their Sunday mornings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BYSA does not want to change any hours of operation for Saturday play. Stated that many of the leagues are travel teams (in the afternoon) and that schedule is set by the NVUSL. Neither Bolton P&amp;R nor BYSA have control over the start times of the state leagues.</li> </ul>
		<i>Sunday Games</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The neighbors asked that the hours of operation on Sunday be 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for organized leagues. The neighbors were agreeable to special permitting for some later start games (specifically for the NRHS rec. league).</li> <li>The neighbors stated that they should not have to sacrifice their Sunday morning so the OTHSL can have their ideal Sunday. They are not suggesting that they cannot play, but want to strike a compromise on a start time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OTHSL that plays on Sunday does not want to change the start time of their league.</li> <li>The OTHSL currently starts at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays, but are on the field as early as 8:30 a.m.</li> <li>Representatives of the OTHSL stated that if the start time is changed to later in the day, many of them would not be able to play in the league. Having an early start time gave the players the opportunity to get a game in before moving ahead with their daily activities (i.e., going to church, family activities, etc).</li> </ul>

## 2. Parks

- Update on Persons Park (*Joyce*)
- Update on Pond Park (*Karen*)

## 3. Events

- Halloween Recap (*Karen, Joyce, Susan*)
- Winter Carnival/Pond Park Opening Day (*Team*)

## 4. Holiday Tree

- Decorating for Thanksgiving (*Team*)

## 5. Budget Updates (*Team*)

## 6. Establish Guidelines for Naming an Organization an Agent of the Town (*Team*)