

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
January 3, 2012**

These January meeting minutes were approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission at its February 7, 2012 meeting.

In attendance: David Rawlings, Sean McCann, Sean Durkin, Dave Putnam, Allison Lane, David Robilliard.

6:36pm—Meeting called to order. Minutes from November meeting were approved.

6:37pm— Recreation Report by Allie Lane (AL). AL: The budget process has started. It does not look as though we will be taking any money from the general fund to support the revolving account.

Sean Durkin (SD): How did the yard sale go?

AL: Very well. We made \$1400 in an hour. We will do it again next year.

AL: Camp registrations will start in February. We decided to lower the price of camp to lure those who could not register last year. We are hoping to get more kids if we offer it at a cheaper cost. It is a gamble; we will see how it goes.

Dave Putnam (DP): Did you bill Youth Basketball for last season?

AL: I do not think so. We should look into that.

AL: We made \$9,000 from field rentals last season. We put \$4000 into the field at the MMS for softball.

SD: We only lost 6 sprinkler heads at MMS this year. That is 24 in 2 years. We are pretty sure it is the gang mower. The soil is different at the MMS than at Ellsworth so we are trying to figure out how to avoid it in the future.

DP: What is going on with the trees at that Ellsworth?

Dave Robilliard (Robo): We have to replace 15 trees; the quote is \$150-\$200/tree. Veron had expressed interest in helping to replace them.

Sean McCann (SM): The trees at Zeh are gone too.

Robo: The schools are responsible for replacing those.

AL: We got a quote from the shade system for Assabet playground. It will cost \$30,000. After some discussion we feel replacing trees would be more economical.

Robo: Still waiting for the quote on replacing the fence and batting cage at Memorial.

SD: I did get 1 quote for the cage.

Robo: We are going to replace the guardrail at Ellsworth near the track once the track gets replaced this spring.

AL: We have the money to replace the track. Through the CIP, a gift of \$25,000 and \$6,000 we have enough to replace it this spring.

7:00— DPW Report by Dave Robilliard.

SM: What ever happened with Veron? Did anyone follow up about the organic fertilizer?

Robo: No, Allie and I spoke with Tim from blue Ribbon. He can do the organic too, it would just double the cost of the treatments.

AL: I don't think any of the youth groups are in a position to pay that kind of money.

Dave Rawlings (DR): What type of trees will you use to replace at 135?

Robo: White and Pink Sand cherry trees. We got the quote from Bigelow's.

7:10pm—New Business.

- **School Committee Meeting.** AL: Can some of you please go to the school committee meeting in February? I think we should update them on all the things we have done to the fields the past few years. SD and DP said they would go.
- **Rugby.** AL will be meeting with a youth rugby coordinator about bringing rugby to Northborough.
- **Next Commission Meeting.** The next Commission meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30pm

7:15—Meeting Adjourned.