

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
August 5, 2013**

These minutes were approved at Recreation's September 3, 2013 meeting.

In attendance: Sean McCann, Sean Durkin, Dave Rawlings, Dave Putnam, Mark Awdycki, Allison Lane, Michelle Lyseth; **Guests from Various Youth Groups:** Jim Forbush, Mike Hodge, Tim Hostage, Jeff Fontecchio, Josh Richardson and Paul Pazareskis; **Patty Kress, Northborough School Committee Chairman.**

6:35pm—Meeting called to order.

6:36pm—Minutes approved. Mark Awdycki (MA) made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting, Sean McCann (SM) seconded the motion, all in favor.

6:37pm—New Business. Alison Lane (AL) said that she was calling 'New Business' first on the agenda to accommodate the guests in attendance. AL said that she invited representatives of Baseball, Softball and Football to attend the meeting and discuss the maintenance of the Melican Middle School fields. AL said that in the past, those user groups had split the costs of maintenance done by Blue Ribbon Lawn Care and Wilde Irrigation. Originally, when the irrigation system was installed at Melican, all 3 user groups agreed to pay 1/3 equally of the maintenance bills. Baseball has been receiving the bills and then billing Soccer and Football at the end of the year for their portions. Discussion followed. Baseball no longer wants to use Melican and therefore will no longer take responsibility for handling the billing, etc. AL would like to know if Soccer or Football would be willing to take over the payments and split it 50/50. Last year's costs were \$10,500. AL explained that if the Town was involved in obtaining those services, then prevailing wages would have to be paid and the costs would be significantly higher. AL asked Soccer to consider taking over receiving the bills and then billing Football for their portion. Both Soccer and Football will speak with their Boards and get back to AL. AL added that Recreation might be able to contribute money raised from field rentals.

7:23pm—Recreation Report. AL said the Fall & Winter Recreation brochure will be done and going to print on Friday. Summer programs went well, and the Friends of Northborough Recreation will be submitting a \$7000 check to pay for summer camp scholarships. AL next spoke regarding the track at Ellsworth-McAfee Park; she said that it was bid out twice, without success. Only \$40K was earmarked for this project. AL said that Dan Nason (not present at this meeting) asked two companies to provide quotes; both quotes came in over \$100K.

7:42pm—DPW Report. No DPW report, Dan Nason was not in attendance for this meeting.

7:44pm—New Field Permit Policy. AL said that had revised the field permit policy and discussed the changes with Commission members. One significant change is the requirement that each group requesting space must submit a roster of participants with addresses. Dave Putnam (DP) suggested raising the field scheduling fee from \$50 to \$100 (per field), to which the group agreed. Discussion followed.

8:25—Old Business. No old business to discuss.

8:26pm—Motion to Adjourn. MA made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by SD.