

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
April 1, 2014**

In attendance: Sean McCann, Sean Durkin, Dave Rawlings, Dave Putnam, Mark Awdycki, Dan Nason, David Robillard, Allison Lane and Michelle Lyseth; guests Tracey Cammarano and Brian Lanciault, NYSA; Patty Kress, School Committee.

6:30pm—Meeting called to order.

6:31pm—Minutes approved. Sean McCann (SM) made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Dave Putnam (DP) seconded the motion, all in favor.

6:32pm—Recreation Report. Alison Lane (AL) said signups are going well. The Friends of Northborough Recreation donated \$7,000 for summer camp scholarships. AL said that 19 kids will receive 2 weeks of summer camp for free or at a discount.

6:35pm—DPW Report. Dan Nason (DN) updated the commission with regard to several projects. The bid will be out soon for the Memorial Field Observation Deck project, and the track project for Ellsworth-McAfee park will be re-bid also. Street sweeping will soon begin. No other news.

6:40pm—New Business.

- **Challenger Program.** AL told the group about a new special needs baseball program that will run in conjunction with Little League, called the ‘Challenger’ program. Jim Furlong is coaching. Northborough has 18 kids signed up and more than 16 volunteer ‘buddies’. Practices will be at Melican Middle School with games at Casey. Core Connection and Michael Durkin are sponsoring the program.
- **Northborough Gets Active Road 5K Race/Walk.** AL discussed the April 26 race, proceeds will be split between Rotary and the Rec Department.
- **Splash Pad.** AL said that sponsors are needed to keep the park open at the same hours as in the past.
- **Big Truck Day.** AL reminded the Commission that the event is scheduled for May 31.
- **Spring Field Requests.**
 - AL said ‘we are good to go for Spring’ for requests from the various user groups.
 - AL wanted to relay a request received from a Town resident. This person told AL that he has been ‘kicked off’ Ellsworth-McAfee in the past for not having a permit, but he just wants to ‘kick around the ball’. He told AL that he will take any field, any time, but not at \$75/hour, which is the regular rental rate. Discussion followed regarding insurance liability.
 - DP asked how Lacrosse is billed for field maintenance. Brian Lanciault (BL) explained how fees are broken down and split between the user groups.
- **Donation of Outdoor Lights.** Sean Durkin (SD) and AL met with the new baseball group purchasing the property at East Coast Golf. The group would like to donate the light poles currently on the property to the Town. AL said she thought it might be a good purchase for Ellsworth-McAfee. AL said she had spoken with Tom Sartori (former Parks and Recreation Chairman) and asked for his advice. Tom said that it was his opinion that the lights are probably old and that NYSA should get a lighting engineer to determine if they would even last over a year. Discussion followed. BL will go with Tom’s suggestions.
- **Town Meeting Reminder.** Town Meeting is scheduled to begin on April 26.
 - Patty Kress, Northborough School Committee, asked the group to consider voting for the Lincoln Street School Renovation Project.

7:31—Old Business. No old business to discuss.

7:32pm—Motion to Adjourn. DP made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by SD.