

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
September 6, 2016**

These Minutes were unanimously approved at the Commission's November 1, 2016 Meeting.

In attendance: David Putnam, Faith Stevens, Sean McCann, Mark Awdycki, Dan Nason, David Robillard, Allison Lane and Michelle Lyseth; guests Mike Hodge and Jim Forbush.

5:35pm—Meeting called to order.

5:36pm—April Minutes Approved. Dave Putnam (DP) made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting in April. Sean McCann (SM) seconded the motion, all in favor.

5:38pm—New Business.

- Baseball discussion with Mike Hodge (MH) and Jim Forbush (JF)
- AL said Babe Ruth has put in a request for Memorial this fall for 1 team. NBSA has 2 teams that want to play fall ball on Memorial as well. AL asked NBSA for a fall schedule so she could give left over time to Babe Ruth. NBSA said that their schedule would not be available until after Sept. 13th. AL tried to make a schedule for the field herself. MH asked that we wait for their schedule to come out. AL agreed to do so. Discussion with Commission followed about the field and the schedule from the past year. It was agreed that AL would charge Babe Ruth the same rate as any user per the rental agreement. \$70/hour. The money needs to be paid before the season starts. That money will go back into the maintenance of Memorial field. The Commission discussed letting Babe Ruth have MMS baseball field at no charge and letting them fix up the field.

6:12pm—DPW Report. DN: talked about the new ramp going in at Memorial field to be ADA compliant. He explained that they had to redo a lot of the parking spaces in town and relocate a few of the porto-potties as well to be compliant. They will also be putting a ramp on the new gazebo and fixed the walk ways around the pavilion.

6:19pm—Recreation Report. Allie Lane (AL) said that registration is going very well for Fall and Winter. She said that Recreation already doubled the money made on the first day of registration compared to this time last year. Next, she told the commission that they were holding a Challenger fundraiser on Sept. 25th. A Cornhole Tournament. She hoped everyone would be able to make it. AL summarized the summer programs. Stefanie Youssef out did herself again by working as the Camp Director. She worked hard to bring a profit and did a great job as always. We got many compliments from parents. We also sold out all of our other summer camps at all of the other schools this summer. The numbers were great this summer.

DP: Any hardship cases this summer at the camps?

AL: Yes the Masonic Angels stepped up this and helped pay for kids to go to camp.

MA: Anymore funds in the Friends account?

FS: Yes but just enough to keep it open.

DP: How is the Church St. bridge project going? DN: It is going well. It is about 2 weeks behind but they are doing a great job.

6:40pm—Old Business.

- None

6:46pm—Motion to Adjourn. (MA) made a motion to adjourn, SM seconded, all in favor.