

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
March 7, 2017**

These Minutes were unanimously approved at the Commission's April 3, 2017 Meeting.

In attendance: David Putnam, Sean Durkin, Faith Stevens, Scott Charpentier, David Robillard, Allison Lane, Sean Durkin, Allison Lane and Michelle Lyseth; Guests Paul Cacciatore, NYBA President, and Neil Rice, NYBA Field Manager.

5:40pm—Meeting Called to Order.

5:41pm—November Minutes Approved. Dave Putnam (DP) made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting in November. Faith Stevens (FS) seconded, all in approval.

5:45pm—Introduction of New Northboro Baseball Board. Paul Cacciatore introduced himself to the Board as the new President of Baseball, and introduced Neil Rice as the Field Manager. Paul said that his Board's goal is to retain players, have the best fields, and to make baseball fun. Paul updated the Board with regard to improvements made or scheduled to be made at Casey and Memorial Fields, including replacing fencing, sprinkler repair, among others. They are building a relationship with people at the New England Baseball Complex and have been using fields at that facility. Scott Charpentier (SC) suggested placement of handicap accessible portopotties at Memorial. Discussion followed regarding possibly adding more scheduled cleanings of those units, or possibly locking them with a security code to be shared with coaches. DP asked Paul if he/NYBA needs anything from the Commission? Neil mentioned that too many people let their dogs run on the field and discussed possible signage. Neil also discussed a problem with an adult male Town resident who insists on using the batting cage for his own practice, discussion followed about possible signage, but AL said that the park is open to the public. Lastly, Paul said that the NYBA purchased an \$11,000 scoreboard at Casey, which will be paid for within 3 years with help from two sponsors.

6:15pm—Recreation Report. Allie Lane (AL) said that the Spring and Summer brochure is out and registration began about a week ago. Registration for Summer Rec Camp opened on February 9 and enrollment is 'through the roof'. She also told the Board that Recreation is taking over the summer rec basketball league, at the request of the Basketball President. Next, AL said the annual Town Egg Hunt is moved to Memorial Field this year for the first time, the Zeh School has been used in the past but is not available for this year.

6:25pm—DPW Report. Scott Charpentier (SC) discussed creating a handicap accessible path to the Gazebo [at Ellsworth-McAfee Park]; repair to the Memorial Field snack shack, which had been broken into; and, lastly, the process for redesign of the Assabet Park playground (copy of blueprint handed out).

6:18pm—New Business.

- **Next P & R Commission Meeting**—The Board agreed that the next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, April 3 at 5:30pm (several had a conflict for Tuesdays in April, the typical Parks and Rec Commission Meeting day)

6:22pm—Old Business.

- **Challenger Program Update.** Sean Durkin (SD) told the Board that the Fall/Winter Challenger Basketball program was another success. The program was held on two courts at Fore Kix in Marlboro. He also mentioned that the first organized meeting for Challenger Baseball was already held.

6:30pm—Motion to Adjourn. DP made a motion to adjourn, FS seconded, all in favor.