

**Town of Northborough
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
September 5, 2017**

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

In attendance: David Putnam, Mark Awdycki, Sean McCann, Faith Stevens, David Robillard and Allison Lane. **Guests:** Tracey Cammerano, Kevin McCormick, Brian Lanciault, Paul Cacciatore, Craig Murphy, Gary Maggiolino

5:35pm—Meeting Called to Order.

5:36pm—May Minutes Approved. Dave Putnam (DP) made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting in May. Faith Stevens (FS) seconded, all in approval.

5:38pm—Recreation Report. Allie Lane (AL) said that registration for fall and winter started last week. The brochures were mailed out and sign ups were good. AL talked about a meeting she had with the new ARHS principal, the Superintendent (Christine Johnson), Cheryl Levesque and Mike Gorman. AL met with them to see if they could lower the cost of renting the gym for the high school boys basketball Rec league. At that meeting it was agreed the high school would take over the program. 2 weeks later the high school called to see if we would take the program back and they would charge us \$700 for the season to use the gym. AL was going to check with Marty to see if we could get enough staff. Summer programs went well. We are still putting all of the financials together.

Portable lights were delivered to the MMS today for the football season. Football is covering the cost. The CPC application has been put in for the new lights at MMS. Will keep you updated.

We are having the cornhole tournament again for the 3rd year at Texas BBQ to raise money for the Challenger program. It will be on Sunday September 24th at 1pm.

There is a proposal to put 3 peace rocks at one of the parks. See attached. After some discussion we are allowing them to be put next to the peace pole at Assabet Park.

AL brought up private businesses uses the parks for financial gain. Discussion followed. Dave Putnam (DP) has asked to dedicate the next meeting to discuss this further.

5:55pm—DPW Report. Robo: No report

6:00pm—New Business.

- All of the youth groups presidents that use fields came to talk about the past season. Paul from baseball talked about the Lincoln Street project. Was not able to use the field at all during the spring. Would like to follow up with the commission about drainage issues along 3rd base that need to be taken care of.
- Gary from Football talked about the lighting issues. It is costing them \$7000 for portable lights this season. They are looking to replace the score board at ARHS. Football pays a fee to use the field and they make a \$2000 donation to the high school as well each year.
- Tracey from soccer is stepping down this year. Kevin McCormick will be taking over as president. Had major issues with the sprinklers at 135 this year. Going to look at using a new company to maintain them. Not happy with the lack of communication with the current company. All the youth groups talked about getting quotes for a new company together. Upper 135 will be closed for repair in Oct. TC asked if DPW could bring in some fill? Blue Ribbon will do the work.
- Paul from baseball talked about the \$3000 of work put into Casey field from Veron. They plan to do lower Memorial soon.
- All presidents talked about the decline in number of kids participating. We also discussed how difficult it is to get parent volunteers. Everyone wanted to get the demographics of # of kids from each school. AL said she would get those numbers to everyone.
- Tracey thanked everyone for being so great to work with over the years. AL thanked her back for being such a great president and for communicating so well with the Rec Dept.

- Follow ups for next mtg: Look into other irrigation companies DP and Paul C will walk Lincoln St. together.
- The next Parks and Rec Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 3, 2017 5:30pm.

7:30pm—Old Business. No old business to discuss.

7:31pm—Motion to Adjourn. FS made a motion to adjourn, MA seconded, all in favor.