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Meeting Date: 2/8/2016
Meeting Location: Mendon Town Hall, Parks Office
20 Main St., Mendon, MA
Minutes Approved: 3/9/2016

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm.

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/11/16 meeting, Tom seconded, all approved.

Dan discussed the facility use groups and deadlines. He stated they have a situation with 2 groups in the same category requesting the same space. He suggested setting a date for each season to make things fair. All requests would be considered in the order received prior to each deadline for the season before considering other requests. Tom agreed. The deadlines will be 1/15, 4/15, and 6/15 for the spring, summer, and fall season. *Dan will add them to the use form.* They also discussed the definitions of the groups to better reflect the regional status of the local leagues. Tom recommended changing Group 1 and 2 to "75% Mendon/Upton residents" from "75% Mendon Residents" and changing Group 3 to "50% Mendon/Upton" from "75% Mendon". Dan agreed. *Dan will update the form.*

Dan reviewed a use request from Nipmuc Youth Lacrosse. They are looking for weekdays at Clough field. Currently that space is booked by soccer. Tom called Kerry Miller (MUYSA president) and asked if they could accommodate the request. Kerry will discuss with lacrosse. Lacrosse is also looking for space at Clough on Saturdays. This request is fine. Tom and Dan agreed to approve the request if soccer and lacrosse can work out a compromise schedule for weekdays.

Dan discussed a use request from Mendon/Upton Field Hockey. They are looking for Saturday mornings at Clough field to run a clinic. Dan is waiting to hear if they are able to use another time (Sundays or Sat afternoons) since lacrosse has requested Sat am's. Tom agreed that we can support this request assuming they can work out the scheduling.

Dan presented the use request from Nipmuc Youth Baseball for Grant, Grady, Tetreault, and Pezzella fields. They will claim a waiver from the use fee in lieu of the home run fence on Tetreault. Dan and Tom agree to approve their use and fee waiver.

Dan discussed a request for facility use from Anthony Leonelli. He is looking for his normal summer basketball use on Sundays as well as a few other locations (tennis, baseball, Clough, to run some clinics. He has also sent a letter supporting his request. **(Exhibit A)** He is requesting to be classified as Group 3 instead of Group 4. Tom and Dan agree that his group is mostly Mendon/Upton and should fall under this category.

Dan discussed a use request from Chris Hadfield to run a summer clinic at Clough Field. He wants to know if the board would consider the field, playground, and basketball areas as 3 separate "fields". He is only looking for minimal use of the playground and the basketball courts are not full sized. Tom says they should just be 1 field for the whole facility and Dan agrees. They also discussed insurance and agreed that he would need to provide insurance for the facility as he is a for-profit program. Chris will be meeting with Dan this week to go over his request.

All use forms are on file in parks office...

Dan presented the updated quote for the AED for the beach. Tom agreed and both approved the purchase.

Tom asked about the status of Tetreault field. Dan has not got any response from Shea engineering. Tom suggested another contractor and Dan will contact. Dan and Tom also discussed the electrical work to be performed at the park. Dan would like to get the basketball and insurance projects completed this spring and Tom agrees.

Dan and Tom reviewed the status of the summer hiring. Dan stated that we are in good shape for guards and the snack shack. He is still looking for applications for the Rec Program and Maintenance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.