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Meeting Date: 9/27/2021
Meeting Location: Memorial Park "Classroom" Building 45 Taft Ave, Mendon, MA
Minutes Approved: ___1/11/2022___

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others: Brian Asselin, Jeb Peterson (Mendon Upton Youth Soccer), & Scott Hruzd , Carey Leitch (Nipmuc Youth Softball)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm with AJ, Dan, Jeb, and Brian in attendance.

The commissioners met with Brian and Jeb to discuss Soccerfest. They walked the field and discussed the final location of the tent.

Tom Belland arrived at 7:20pm

All agree the best option for the tent is on top of Grady field. Dan showed Brian and Jeb the locations of the buried lines. All discussed the timing of the event. MUYSA will take care of the tent and contact Dig Safe. The commissioners discussed the field use fee for the event. Jeb said in the past they have paid \$1k to parks for this event. The commissioners would like to see some return from this event back into Mendon fields. They discussed the need to replace the shed at Grover field. Soccer would like to see more details on the costs to replace this shed. The commission is all set with soccerfest on Oct 23rd.

Jeb and Brian left the meeting. Scott and Carey joined at 7:30pm.

The commission walked over to Lowell field to discuss some proposed improvements to the field. Carey introduced himself and explained the projects softball is looking to complete. They would like to re-grade the field to keep water off the infield. Also remove grass between the dugouts and current infield and replace with all infield mix. They would like to install a stone dust path behind the first base dugouts between the parking area and concession stand to improve drainage. Carey has access to the required equipment and is willing to do the work.

The group discussed improvements to the Millville Rd parking area along Lowell Field. Dan will research the property lines. Carey suggests clearing the brush in the area to open up more parking. They are also looking to clear more space behind the batting cage. The commission is fine with all these proposals.

Scott also explained they are interested in reconfiguring Wagner Field. The field faces into the sun. Also they would like to install a home run fence. They are proposing rotating the field to provide more room to install a fence. This would allow the field to be used for t-ball tournament play, currently there are

no other t-ball fields with fencing in the area. The commissioners have no issue with re-orienting this field as long as all signage remains intact. They will want to see more detailed plans for the final orientation.

The group discussed the Millville Rd parking lot. Carey showed the commissioners the issues he sees with the grading causing water issues for the lot. They discussed re-grading the slope to help re-direct the water. Dan explained the previous work on this area. They discussed closing in the entrance to a narrower area. All agree we need a more permanent solution to this parking lot. They discussed surface options and trying to get the millings from the Rt 16 project. Carey offered to mark out the new grades on the hill and the commission can come back and discuss further.

Dan updated the commission on the trunk or treat event planned for 10/30. Custom Home is sponsoring the event and will do all the work.

Dan also updated the board on the eagle projects. The Kayak racks will be completed on 10/3.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.