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Meeting Date: 9/12/2022
Meeting Location: Hybrid
Minutes Approved: 1/10/2023

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with Dan, AJ, and Tom in attendance. The meeting was held by Teams web conference due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and pursuant to the revisions to the Open Meeting Laws. All votes will be taken by roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm with all 3 commissioners in attendance in person.

The board met with Dave Caruso, Scott Hruzdz, and Tommy from Nipmuc Youth Softball. They discussed field use fees. They are asking for a waiver of 100% of the fees. The commission discussed the update to the fee schedule. Softball discussed work they completed. Tom said our issue is looking at work done that benefits the whole facility vs just a specific field. We are willing to work out deals for work done above and beyond that could benefit the facility as a whole. AJ stated he wanted to be clear this decision was from the board as a whole and not Dan. All agree fee waivers should be based on pre-approved projects.

Tom made a motion to waive the remaining 25% use fee for Nipmuc Youth Softball as credit for work that was done to improve the Millville Rd parking lot and brush clean up, AJ seconded and all approved.

Scott discussed lighting. Dan reviewed the info they had gotten in the past. The group discussed options. Tommy suggests we look at adding lights in the whole park if we are going this route. Scott thinks softball could contribute around \$25k at this point. They discussed grant opportunities and timing. AJ said we are very supportive of this project, just need to figure out funding. Dave has someone looking into some alternate pricing to see if there are ways to share poles. Dan said we could get 50% from a state PARC grant and the rest could be CPA funds.

The commission discussed the softball concession stand. Scott explained they need a sink. Dan will get more info from the Board of Health. He thinks they will be required to install a tight tank. We have discussed a septic for the beach and perhaps there is an opportunity to construct both in this location. Scott said they would like to have things in place to secure food permitting to be able to do more with their stand.

They discussed the volleyball court area. Softball would like to use that for a pitching warmup area. Tom thought it would get more use, but it hasn't. We will need to discuss this further.

Scott thanked the board for discussing with them. He asked about other projects. The commissioners talked about the parking area needing work.

The commission discussed irrigation on Tetreault Field. Dan got a price of \$583 to add in a quick connect to get water to Tetreault. 508 Athletics has said he might be willing to pay for it. All approved.

The commission talked about the public access path next to the beach. Tom suggests we add in 1.5" stone in the channel to help with erosion.

Tom met with Gianni Mistretta about possible eagle projects. He suggested 3 options, siding on the classroom, painting sheds, or repairing the wood guardrail. We will see what he wants to do.

Dan updated the commission on another eagle project from Kyle Miller for a little library.

The commission discussed the courts. We have submitted a request for CPA funds at the November Town meeting.

The commission discussed the beach project.

Tom made a motion to sign the contract that was approved at the 9/6 mtg, AJ seconded, and all approved. (Exhibit A)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.