



TOWN OF MENDON
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Meeting Date: 8/8/2019

Meeting Location: Mendon Town Hall, Parks Office, 20 Main St., Mendon, MA

Minutes Approved: 12/17/19

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others: Kathy Schofield

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm with Kathy in attendance.

The commission met with Kathy Schofield to discuss the Historic Society's proposed Halloween event. **(Exhibit A)** They are looking to do a haunted trail type event in the park on 10/27. This would be a fundraiser for the Mendon Historic Society. They are getting a liability policy for the event. They are looking to use the Pavilion, trails behind the playground, Veteran's Field and Pezzella field area. AJ mentioned the event may conflict with another event the Brothers of the Brush are involved with so volunteers may be limited. The commission discussed the use fees. Kathy explained they would be using the trails and are willing to do some repairs and improvements to the trails. They would like to bring in some wood chips to help make the trails more accessible. All agree this would fall under the capital improvement waiver program.

AJ made a motion to approve the Historic Society's request for a Halloween event on Oct. 27th and waive the fees pending improvements to the trails, Tom seconded and all approved.

Kathy left the meeting

Dan updated the commission on the summer programs. All is going well. They discussed the maintenance crew. AJ said he spoke with Trevor who said things we going really well this year. Dan said all the new employees are working out well. He updated the commission on the status of the employee reviews for the rec program.

The commission discussed Clough Field. Mendon Upton Youth Soccer had proposed some upgrades to Clough Field. Chris Hadfield sent Dan an email with suggestions. **(Exhibit B)** Dan said he spoke with Jay Byer who suggested we get some estimates on the proposed work. All agree it might be worth looking into but will be difficult to find the funding.

The commission discussed Soccerfest. Chris Hadfield talked to Dan and said they can use the back field. The tennis Courts and Veteran's Parking lots are too small but they could use the area between Grant and Tetreault Field. They will need a generator. They discussed installing the tent early to prevent issues from rain like last year. All are in favor. The proposed date is 10/5/19.

AJ made a motion to approve Soccerfest on 10/5/19 on Veteran's Field, Tom seconded and all approved.

The commission discussed the Taft Ave parking lot. Dan explained the proposal for Mendonfest. They will be restricting parking in the lot for the event. They discussed leaving the front spaces open for the beach use and the back row for ADA use. They also discussed regulations including a possible ban on overnight parking. Dan explained the lot will likely have to be paved soon. There are a few properties on Taft with no parking who use the lot.

The commission moved the meeting next door to inspect the surplus shed on the campus property.

The commission discussed the surplus Verizon shed at the Town Hall campus. There is an old concrete bunker that is no longer needed. The Police Station Building Committee has asked if Parks could use it. Dan said we need a shed for the rec program as well as maintenance storage. Tom offered to see if the contractor BVT uses to deliver sheds can inspect and give some advice.

The meeting was moved back to the parks office.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

General Information and Schedule of Events Halloween Carnival Saturday October 26, 2019

Rain date Sunday October 27, 2019

Time of Event 4pm-9pm

Location: Memorial Ball Field 29 Milville Street Mendon

Parking Capacity Memorial Ball Field – 208

(see attached map)

Fundraiser hosted by the Mendon Historical Society

Sunset 5:45pm

Moon – Waning Crescent 4%

Cost: \$8 adults and teens/ \$6 children / Family 5 or more guests \$30

Pending Approval:

Pending: Request to turn off exterior lighting at Imperial Dealership from 6-10pm

Pending: Approval Mendon Board of Selectmen July 29, 2019 6:00pm Town Hall

Pending: Event Insurance Coverage

Pending: Identify Public Safety Needs

Pending Town Counsel approval Release from Liability

Volunteer Participants:

Private Residents

Mendon Historical Society Members

Mendon / Upton Girl Scouts - Confirmed

Mendon Boy Scouts – Not confirmed (Troop 1 Confirmed)

Nipmuc National Honor Society – Not confirmed

Nipmuc Drama Club – Not confirmed

Mendham Brothers of the Brush

Mendon Parks Department – Dan Byer

Certified Serv-Safe Dan Byer

Time Schedule of Events:

Carved Pumpkin Drop Off 10am-12pm

Trail Set Up throughout the week of October 19-25

Event Opening 4pm

Games and Story Telling

Concessions Open

Movie in Pavilion

Dusk 5:15 pm lighting of the carved pumpkin tree and costume parade

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Ribbons awarded for Costumes and Carved Pumpkins

6pm kids Halloween trail open

6:30pm spooky trails open to Teens

8:30 pm announce winner of candy corn guess / Concessions close at 9pm

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm trail operations

9:15 pm last call for trail walk

8pm-9:30pm Distribute goodie bags and safety reminders to participants

9:30pm event close

General Information:

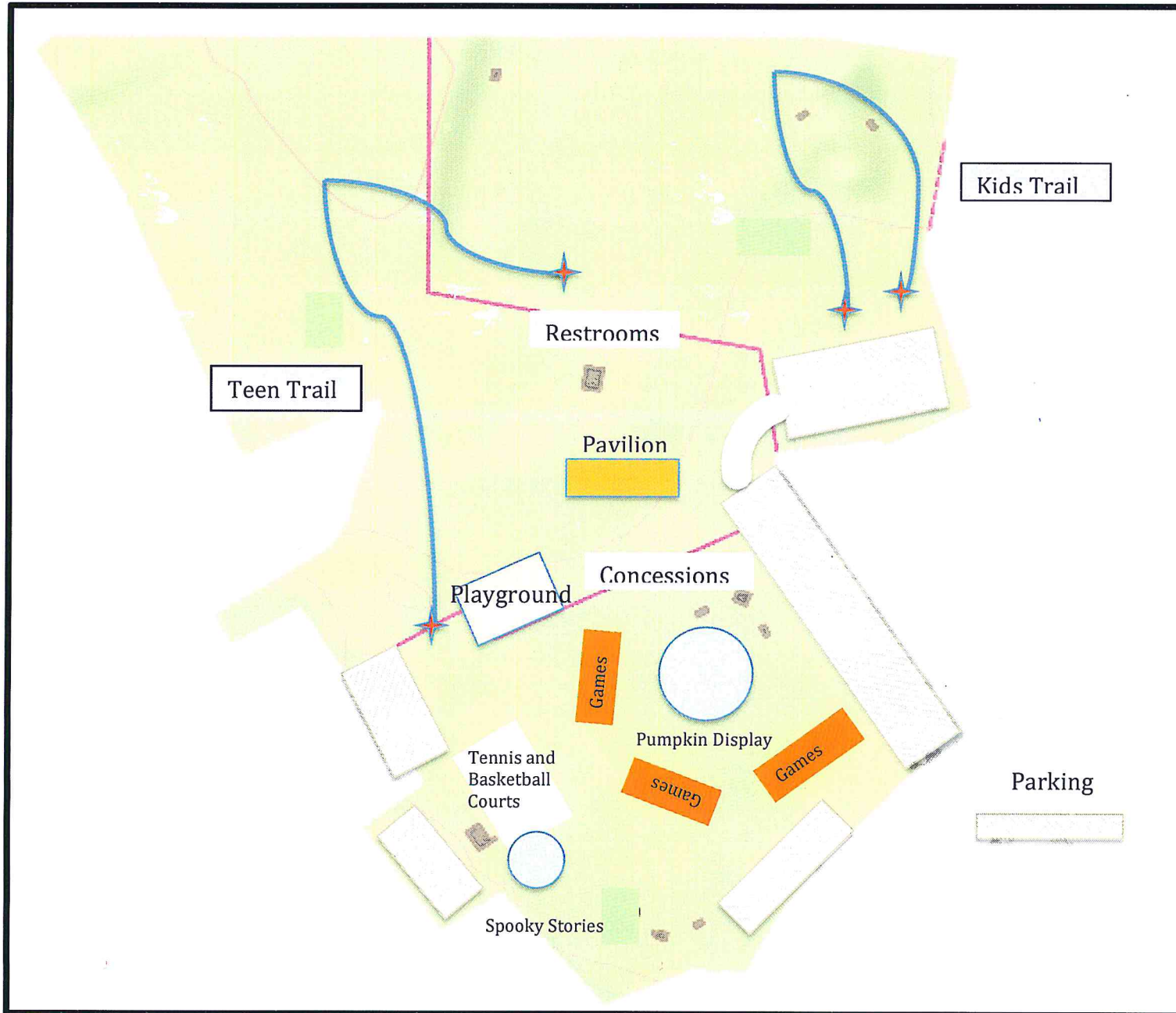
Volunteers who will be escorting attendees will be asked to attend a workshop on trail conduct and sign a waiver regarding participation in the event

Volunteers who are involved with construction of trail stops will be asked to sign a waiver as well.

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MEMORIAL BALL FIELD

2019 Halloween Carnival Map



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Daniel Byer

From: C. Hadfield <coachhadfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 6, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Daniel Byer
Subject: Clough Field Renovation Project
Attachments: IMG_2200.jpg

Hi Dan,

I have put forth the idea of renovating the clough field using MUYSA fundraising dollars.

From my perspective, clough field is in pretty bad shape from a sporting stand point, both soccer and lacrosse are no longer using it since it drains poorly, grass is bare and patchy, and it's hilly. The idea of renovating clough to be a strong grass facility in town is enticing to me and is ideal size for our largest age groups (u10).

I also want to upgrade the basketball court and turn it into a multipurpose street soccer / basketball court by installing special hoops that have a soccer goal underneath it to help us with weather / wet field issues. This spring was terrible for grass soccer fields. This idea would allow us a place to play early spring / so can let fields dry and delay openings. This idea would also be useful for field hockey as they continue to grow and expand. I attached a picture of a combo soccer/field hockey/basketball goal structure so you get the idea.

My pitch - do it right!!! We would look to completely redo it the whole field. Level it, regrade it, install proper drainage, resinstall irrigation, and possible expand and push back woods as far as we can / town would allow. 30k investment on our end or more....possible two beerfestivals worth!

I was wondering if this type of project would be supported by the rec department? It would effect the schools and require students to stay off of it for a 1 year, which would affect recess and PE at the schools, but I assume you guys have final say on the field and could override them if needed. I also don't mind making a pitch to Mrs Gallagher to get her approval.

I am free to chat about it more in person if you would like me to pitch the idea to the board. I'd prefer to get Rec Com approval, then get quotes, and make a full pitch to my board for fund approval.

I am think going into year 5 of our fundraiser and with me taking over from dave next years event. I'd like to make a big investment In our town now to show our members we are investing the money in soccer / our community.

- Chris

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