



TOWN OF MENDON
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Meeting Date: 6/13/16
Meeting Location: Parks Building "Classroom"
45 Taft Ave., Mendon, MA
Minutes Approved: 8/11/16

Members Present: Dan Byer, AJ Byrne, Tom Belland

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others:

The meeting was called to order at 4:45pm.

**The meeting was moved to the Tennis Courts*

The commission walked the newly completed courts and reviewed them. All agreed they looked great and were completed.

The meeting was moved back to the Classroom.

The board met with John Giacomuzzi to discuss his proposed eagle project. He needs the board to sign his application for fundraising. He also has a donation letter. *Dan will forward the letter to Nipmuc Youth Baseball.* The board discussed the location with Jon. Tom stated that it would be better to locate the shed centrally to both fields, perhaps near the batting cage. Jon asked about the board's preference for color and roofing and they stated green with a black roof is fine. Dan explained that he met briefly with the building inspector and they will have to just submit plans to have a permit issued. In addition, they will need to ask the Selectmen to waive the permit fee. The board discussed the base. Tom explained that the Pezzella shed has a foot-deep base of crushed stone to stop any damage to the floor from animals. AJ signed the application for fundraising.

The board discussed the Tennis Courts and agreed they are complete. Dan will send out a press release and the sign is on order.

The board also discussed the upcoming dedication of the Basketball Court. The name will be "Byrne Family Basketball Court". They discussed information for the sign. All agreed it should have the date and maybe some brief history. Tom will work with BVT to have the sign made in the fall. The actual dedication ceremony will be Tuesday 6/27 at 4:30pm. *Dan will have a temporary sign made*

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/5/16 and 5/9/16 as written, AJ seconded, and all approved.

The board discussed Tetreault Field. The article will be on the 6/21 STM warrant. Tom says they are just about finished with the plans. He had some questions about the size of the drain line and would like to see it increased to 6 inches. Dan stated they will need to get 3 quotes for the work.

The board discussed a maintenance issue at Clough Field. The sprinkler system is in need of repair. Also the well is overflowing and flooding the courts and field. Currently the school has a \$3,000 quote to fix the drainage issue with the well and are willing to contribute \$1,000. The board would like to meet with Soccer to discuss further.

The board considered a request from Christine Sweetland for a refund of a \$50 class registration fee for lessons. She is not able to attend the lesson due to a personal issue and would like a refund. The board discussed and agreed to offer a \$50 credit towards any other program. They are also willing to meet with her in person if she is not satisfied with that option.

The board reviewed the use requests from Mendon Upton Youth Soccer and Nipmuc Youth Softball to hold 1 week clinics on Grover and Lowell field. Both were approved.

Facility use forms on file in parks office.

The board discussed the recent change to the Director of Parks and Rec. position. Dan stated that the town was looking into whether or not the position would be union or not. AJ would like to see more language in the job description clarifying the supervision of the position. He states it is important to establish a clear chain of command. Tom agreed and will send Dan a copy of a BVT description.

The board discussed another proposed Eagle Scout project to construct stairs outside of the Pezzella concession stand by Dave Wilkinson. Tom is working with him to get plans together. He asked Dan about the permit. Dan had met with Tim Aicardi and they need to submit a copy of the plans. They will also need to ask the selectmen to waive the fees.

The board discussed the chairmanship of the Parks Commission. AJ stated that it was Dan's turn and Tom agreed.

Tom made a motion to appoint Dan Byer the chair of the Parks Commission and AJ seconded. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.