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**Meeting Date: 6/29/2017**  
**Meeting Location: Memorial Park Classroom, 45 Taft Ave. Mendon, MA**  
**Minutes Approved: 1/29/2018**

**Members Present:** Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

**Members Absent:** none

**Parks Director:** Dan Byer

**Others:** Tracy Alcock (Nipmuc Youth Baseball)

*The meeting was called to order at 5:09pm with Dan and AJ in attendance.*

The commission reviewed the requests for Summer and Fall facility use. Dan had requests from 508 Athletics, Nipmuc Youth Baseball, Mendon Upton Youth Soccer, and Mendon Summer Basketball for their usual schedules. MUYSA will not be needing Memorial Park in the fall anymore as they are using the new NEFC turf fields for the youngest age group. The commission approved the requests (*all requests on file in parks office*)

Tracy Alcock met with the commission to discuss the Grant Field Irrigation project. The well has been installed. Dan asked Tracy to forward him the paperwork showing the final depth of the well. The conduit has also been installed by Eric. Dan explained him and Tom will complete the wiring of the well. Tracy is working to have the irrigation system installed as soon as possible. Baseball is concerned the sod they installed needs water and they are watering by hand right now.

AJ, Dan and Tracy discussed the Veteran's Park shed. Dan has been trying to figure out when the scout will be able to complete the work. Baseball would like to see the shed complete by the start of their season in 2018.

*\*Tracy left the meeting*

Dan mentioned a proposal to name the softball t-ball field. The 350<sup>th</sup> committee has had some discussion on how to pay tribute to Wayne Wagner. They had asked about the possibility of naming a field after him. AJ agrees this is a great idea. We will discuss with the 350<sup>th</sup> and figure out the details.

*\*Tom arrived at the meeting at 5:30pm*

The commission again discussed the irrigation well for Grant Field. The well has finally been drilled. Dan explained we will need to figure out a plan to cover the opening in the fence. Tom suggests re-locating the shed from Grant field, to use as a pump house and use that to block most of the opening. Dan mentioned there is a piece of guardrail that is rotting and needs to be replaced too. Tom suggests we

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install a new post in front of the well and repair the guardrail. The commission discussed wiring the well. Eric has installed the conduit from the bathrooms to the well and we will need to wire it. Tom gave Dan a list of supplies we will need. Dan can purchase at Home Depot and him and Tom can complete the work. Tom says he can supervise the wiring as he is a licensed electrician. We still need to figure out how to move the Grant Field shed. Tom says the Sr. Baseball league was able to move it with a tractor several years ago.

Dan reviewed the plans to name the softball t-ball field with Tom. Tom says it is fine with him. The commission discussed the proposed 350<sup>th</sup> Farm to Table Festival. AJ explained some of the details. The commission is on board. Dan and AJ are on the planning committee and will make sure Tom is in the loop too. They are proposing a beer garden in the tennis courts as well as bands and food.

The commission discussed the Millville Rd parking lot. Dan explained we need to look at leveling out the lot and bringing in some asphalt millings. He had worked on some specs a while ago but hasn't had time to pursue quotes. All agree this project should be a priority.

The commission reviewed Soctoberfest. Dan explained the event is the same as previous years. MUYSA has also offered to donate \$500 for the use of the facilities for their event.

AJ asked the commission if they had any thoughts on exploring a 2<sup>nd</sup> basketball court. He thinks there is a big demand from the programs. Tom agrees. The commission discussed possible locations. The area where the volleyball court is could be a possibility. Dan said when they got quotes to fix the first court, the estimate was \$100K for a complete rebuild. This project could be funded through CPA funds. The commission will continue to explore possible locations.

The commission discussed reorganizing the board. AJ says Dan did an excellent job as chair, Tom agrees.

**AJ made a motion to nominate Tom as the chair of the Parks Commission, Dan seconded and all approved.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.*