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**Meeting Date: 7/23/2018**  
**Meeting Location: Mendon Town Beach, Beach House, 45 Taft Ave. Mendon, MA**  
**Minutes Approved: 9/5/2018**

**Members Present:** Dan Byer, AJ Byrne  
**Members Absent:** Tom Belland  
**Parks Director:** Dan Byer  
**Others:**

*The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm.*

Dan updated AJ on the summer programs. The rec program is going very well, there are lots of kids signed up. The beach is also very busy. The heat wave has been very good for business. Dan thinks there are other facilities reaching capacity and sending people to us as we have been seeing a lot of non-Mendon residents.

Dan discussed a proposal from the Lake Nipmuc Association for a fishing derby. They are considering September 8<sup>th</sup> as a date. They may be willing to allow us to sell food to make some money at the event. The derby will be a fundraiser for their organization. Dan explained they do assist with the lake weed treatment as well as advocate for the lake. Dan and AJ agree this is a good event.

**Dan made a motion to approve their request for a fishing derby on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, AJ seconded and all approved.**

Dan updated AJ on the basketball court electrical project. He met with Cory and he gave us an estimate. He can get us LED lights for \$450 each. AJ agrees this is worth it. Dan explained they may need to wait to start work until the season is over as our well runs off the panel and we will need to pull the meter to upgrade the electrical panel.

Dan updated AJ on the Millville Rd parking lot. He has not yet heard back from Braza on a quote.

Dan discussed the infields. They are all overgrown again. It seems baseball has stopped dragging their infields now that the season is over. Dan would like to rent a power rake to clear them all. This would also allow us to clean up the worst ruts in the parking lot. AJ agrees. Dan will get pricing.

The commission discussed staff evaluations. Dan is planning to work with Alan to come up with a plan for staff evaluations. AJ also suggests we create an internal application process for positions. This would give us some structure. Dan will discuss with Alan.

Dan discussed the Snack Shack. He would like to bring on an additional employee. The rec program lunches have been very busy and we could use a second person in the shack. AJ suggested

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moving Trevor from Maintenance to Snack Shack. He has food service experience working at his sister's restaurant. AJ will check with Trevor to see if he is interested.

AJ discussed a possible "Battle of the Bands" fundraiser. He has been talking with Peter Reiffarth about a possible fundraising event at the park. He suggested it might be a good way to raise funds for a 2<sup>nd</sup> basketball court. Dan agrees. They will discuss further.

Dan discussed the "stage" structure at the playground. Tom is going to work with the maintenance crew to take it down. Dan would like us to get some sort of shade structure here with some tables. AJ suggested looking at Grafton as they have a nice structure at their park. He would also like to get a metal table for the basketball court as the current wood one is falling apart from the heavy use.

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.*