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Meeting Date: 9/7/2017

Meeting Location: Memorial Park Classroom, 45 Taft Ave, Mendon, MA

Minutes Approved: 1/29/18

Members Present: Tom Belland, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne

Members Absent:

Parks Director: Dan Byer

Others: n/a

The meeting was called to order at 5pm

The commission discussed a proposal to name the softball t-ball Field. Jeanne Fichtner had reached out to the commission to suggest they name the softball t-ball field “Wagner Field” after General Wayne Wagner. Dan said he did some research and Wayne was very involved in the construction of the park in the 70’s. He led the Army Corps of Engineers to perform much of the early site work. All are in favor. Dan will prepare a proclamation for them to review and the commissioners will read it at the Farm to Table Festival on 9/16.

**Dan made a motion to name the softball t-ball field “Major General Wayne F. Wagner Field”
AJ seconded and all approved.**

The commission discussed the Tetreault Field project. Dan says we have \$50K to spend. Tom said he spoke with Eric Peterson and he needs a full size set of plans. Dan thinks he has a copy and will coordinate with Eric.

The commission discussed the irrigation project on Grant Field. Dan explained it is complete. They discussed the possibility of future expansion onto Tetreault Field. Dan explained the Board of Health is going to require some water tests. The costs will be around \$400. White Water, the company currently serving as the Town’s certified water operator can perform the testing. The commission agrees to cover the costs of these tests since baseball paid for the other costs associated with the project.

Dan discussed maintenance equipment. We currently have 3 string trimmers. One is older (326LS) and the other 2 (575LST) are newer. Dan would like to purchase a 3rd 525LTS so we have 3 matching units and 1 backup. Tom and AJ agree. Dan checked and the price is around \$400.

Dan made a motion to purchase a new string trimmer, AJ seconded, all approved.

Dan discussed the maintenance crew. He said things went very well this year. The new mowers were a big help and improved efficiency. AJ says Trevor told him he really liked working for Tyler and enjoyed his job. He said there was a lot of respect for Tyler and no big issues like the previous year.

Dan also gave a brief overview of the beach and rec programs. He is still working to pull together the final numbers but will all the 350th things wrapping up hasn't had time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.