

**Town of Northborough  
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting  
March 6, 2018**

*These Minutes were unanimously approved at the Commission's July 17, 2018 Meeting.*

**In attendance: David Putnam, Faith Stevens, Mark Awdycki, Scott Charpentier, David Robillard, Allison Lane and Michelle Cilley.**

**5:45pm—Meeting Called to Order.**

**5:46pm—November Minutes Approved.** Dave Putnam (DP) made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting in November. Faith Stevens (FS) seconded, all in approval.

**5:55pm—DPW Report.** Scott Charpentier (SC) said that he was contacted by Brian Lanciault, NYSA Treasurer, regarding the possibility of having FIOS at the Snack Shack. There would be no cost to the Town. Next, SC said that trees are scheduled to be ‘dropped and dragged’ at the LSS ball field. Paving for the access ramp at Memorial is scheduled to be done as well. SC then said that reconstruction of Assabet Park is on the Capital Plan for 2024.

**5:55pm—CPC Light Project Review.** Allison Lane (AL) said she and SC made a presentation to the CPC Committee regarding light replacement at Melican Middle School. AL said this project was given top priority by the committee. AL said that half of the funds will be given at the start of the upcoming fiscal year so that the project can be started, with the remaining funds being given at the start of the following fiscal year. SC said that, pending the outcome at Town Meeting in April, the next step will be to have full design bid package set, with the award contingent upon funding. The job is estimated to cost \$600,000, with \$287,000 needed for the first phase. The project will result in two full sized athletic fields with lighting. AL noted that Football will need a sponsor to help cover the cost of the portable light towers they will have to use in the interim.

**6:15pm—Recreation Report.** Allie Lane (AL) said that the Spring and Summer brochure is out and registration began about a month ago. Registration for Summer Rec Camp opened in early February and AL said that Recreation “broke the income record for camp registrations” this year. DP asked if there were funds for scholarships, AL said no. Next, AL discussed Spring field requests. She said that the 911 field in Southboro is offline while being renovated. Youth Lacrosse typically uses that field so now they are looking to use Melican Middle School fields.

AL then said that a lot of money is going towards Memorial Field. Babe Ruth has 3 teams this year, but the Legion team uses the field the most. Discussion followed about charging Legion for use. DP asked, do participants pay to play or are they sponsored? AL said that Legion has probably already charged their players for this year. AL also said she got the [scoreboard] controller from Rick Hagen, Paul Cacciatore (Northborough Baseball President) will set it up. DP asked if the work at the observation area at Memorial was done, Robo said yes but that ramp there will not be paved this year.

**6:30pm--Lincoln Street Ballfield Review.** AL next updated the Commission regarding the Lincoln Street School Ballfield. Paul Cacciatore wants to use it as the main AA field. A lot of work needs to be done to make the field playable; infield is a mess and tree limbs need to be cleared.

**6:45pm—New Business.**

- **Adaptive Fields**—AL said she is working Jim Furlong, the head Challenger coach, regarding creating adaptive fields for Challenger Baseball, possibly on the upper fields at Ellsworth-McAfee Park. DP suggested using upper Peaslee, but AL said the incline is too steep. Challenger Baseball would use it for 6 weeks then Soccer would have it for the rest of time. AL said she is going to talk to Ann Fidrych and NYSA about sharing costs, as a first step. She also mentioned having someone take a look at the space to see if it would be a good fit for an adaptive turf field.

**6:53pm—Old Business.**

- **Skate Park Update.** AL said that there is approximately \$3000 in the Skate Park Account. She would like to use some of those funds to revamp the Skate Park.
- **Liaison Needed for Steering Committee Master Plan.** DP volunteered.
- **Meeting Schedule.** The next meeting is scheduled for April 10. Summer meetings may have to move to Thursday evenings due to schedule conflicts.

**7:08pm—Motion to Adjourn.** DP made a motion to adjourn, FS seconded, all in favor.