



# Bolton Parks & Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Approved via  
Zoom by  
ES, LC, GK, LL  
JF  
on 9/10/20

<b>Date:</b>	August 11, 2020
<b>Time/Location</b>	7:00 p.m. Remote Zoom
<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Ed Sterling, Lauren Cilley, Greg Kabachinski, Lauren LaRosa
<b>Guests:</b>	Jeff Takle, Mark Chaisson, Chuck Butler, Vince La Rosa

### Agenda Items

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<b>Approve Minutes from July 13 and July 23, 2020 Minutes</b>  Minutes were approved	
<b>Town Common Fertilizer</b>  After the issue was raised by a resident at a previous meeting, Ed contacted the Bolton Conservation Commission who informed him that they are working on town-wide vegetation management. We will wait to hear what they recommend.  The fertilizer company should notify Ed before any additional use. Parks and Rec will take care of signage at the next application.	
<b>Discussion of Triple Play Payment</b> Jeff Takle was present to inquire about Triple Play's earlier payment (\$3000) to the Town which he thought would be given to Bolton Youth Baseball. There seemed to be some confusion with that payment and the \$2750 that Parks and Rec used to repair lights. Vince LaRosa referenced the March 10th P&R meeting when the Commission stated that we would try to use the money to help baseball. Since then, P&R learned that we cannot give the money directly to BYB from our revolving account. Greg suggested that we use the money to pay for a BYB expense. The Commission agreed.	BYB will provide P&R with a bill(s) that the Commission could decide to pay with our revolving account.
<b>Property Updates</b>  <b>Town Beach</b> - no issues. Board of Health may have a meeting about extending hours at Linda Herbison's request.  <b>Persons' Park</b> - The signs have arrived. Greg asked about the status of demolishing the building. Ed will talk to the Selectmen about this process.  <b>Town Common</b> - The first Backyard Bolton of the year seemed to be a success. Erik Neyland will continue to monitor the event to only allow 50 people at a time.	Ed will eventually look into the steps needed to demolish the unused building.
<b>COVID - 19 Updates</b> - Discussion of compliance and possible sanctions	

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<p><b>Triple Play</b></p> <p>Lauren shared her observations of several violations during a recent Triple Play game on the Babe Ruth field. The coaches, players, and spectators were not social distancing or wearing masks even in the dugouts. Mark Chaisson of Triple play explained that he has contacted the police about hiring a detail and Kristin Zina of the Board of Health. Chuck Butler said he talked to the Bolton Chief of Police who did not recommend paying for a police detail. Mark agreed to tell the U14 team, which had been observed violating mandates several times, that they may not return to the Bolton fields this season. The other team that plays there is the U13 team. Triple Play agreed to patrol all games moving forward to ensure compliance, to ban the U14 team, to provide Parks and Rec with the upcoming schedule of games in Bolton and to write about the interaction they had with the Chief of Police.</p>	<p>Ali - Arrange Selectmen Meeting appointment.</p>
<p><b>Field Requests/Events</b></p> <p><b>Brian Holmes</b> submitted a request to use the soccer field on Forbush Mill Road. The Commission would approve it under the conditions that he read and agreed to comply with the current COVID-19 mandates. If it's a pro-profit activity, Pand R may require a field use fee. Ed made a motion to approve with the stated conditions.</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i>  <i>Seconded by: Greg Kabachinski</i>  <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p><b>Over the Hill Soccer</b> requested to use the soccer fields from August 23 to November 15 from 6:00pm to dusk on weekdays (at times mutually agreed with Bolton Youth Soccer) and on Sundays 9:00am to 1:00pm. Lauren expressed concerns about this group following COVID-19 mandates. The approval would be contingent on reading and acknowledging the current regulations on sports play. The Commission voted to approve on these conditions.</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i>  <i>Seconded by: Greg Kabachinski</i>  <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p><b>Jason Reese from Nashoba Youth Lacrosse League</b> submitted a request for to use the Lacrosse fields for 5 weeks beginning September 12 on Saturdays. There is a COVID-19 waiver families are signing in the registration process. The players will wear a face shield. The request was approved contingent on agreeing to state regulations.</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i>  <i>Seconded by: Lauren Cilley</i>  <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p> <p><b>Council on Aging</b> submitted a request for the Town Common on September 8 9:00am-12:00pm for the musician David Bates to play. The Commission needs more information because the Town does not have a license to play music, so he would need to play all originals for those in the public domain. We also questioned how they would ensure a 50 person limit. Ed made a motion to approve the request contingent on not playing licensed music, having tickets for 50 person limit, and following COVID-19 guidelines.</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i>  <i>Seconded by: Lauren Cilley</i>  <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p>	

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	<p><b>Joan Finger of the Women's Business Network</b> submitted a request for the Town Common on September 10th from 4:30pm to dusk for public awareness. They would be using real estate-sized signs. Ed will check on opening electricity. The limit would need to be 50 people.</p> <p><i>Motion Proposed by: Ed Sterling</i>  <i>Seconded by: Greg Kabachinski</i>  <i>Unanimous vote.</i></p>	Ed will check on the electricity needed.
	<p><b>Halloween</b></p> <p>Lauren will poll the community on Facebook and Nextdoor to see what ideas people have about a safe way to celebrate during the pandemic.</p>	Lauren will post on Halloween and Nextdoor.
	<b>Next Meeting: Tuesday September 8, 7:00pm</b>	

#### Approved Meeting Minutes

Initials					
Commissioner	E. Sterling	L. Cilley	G. Kabachinski	L. LaRosa	L. Roberts

