



Bolton Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes



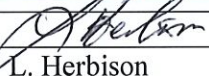

Date:	Thursday, June 6, 2019
Time/Location	7:00 p.m. Houghton Building
Commissioners Present:	Laura Roberts, Linda Herbison, Lauren Cilley, Tammy Ballard, Ed Sterling
Guests:	Bolton Youth Baseball; Bolton Youth Lacrosse
Next Meeting:	Thursday, August 1, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Items

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1.	Approve Minutes from May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved 	
2.	Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura: unanimous vote to be chairperson Ed: unanimous vote to be secretary Lauren: unanimous vote to be treasurer Ed: unanimous vote to serve as vice-chair when Laura is travelling 	
3.	Memorial Field Lighting Project (Bolton Youth Baseball & Softball, BYB) Heather Tackle represented lighting consultant Second Path Energy. Peter Rogers represented BYB. Michael Gore also present as a member of BYB. Playing late into dusk is a safety concern; baseball cannot be seen. Proposal is to light the left rear field nearest Sawyer School. BYB will provide a \$100K lighting system to the town as a gift. LED technology will be used, so light dispersion will be 180° instead of 360° "flood" used at NRHS. Poles will be 50' made of steel. BYB will control the lights on/off time. BYB will pay for the electricity used as well. Game time is limited to 2hrs15mins. November is estimated installation month, with a grand opening proposed April 2020. Unanimously voted to approve.	
4.	Tower Field Improvements (Bolton Youth Lacrosse, BYL) Jason Recce from Stow represented BYL. Field on Route 117 is used by K through 4 th graders. Games are played every other week on Sunday. Major improvements to the playing field and the parking are proposed on the same footprint. A new entrance off 117 is planned, and the current access will become the exit. A better stronger fence is proposed to protect people from any traffic accident. Phase 1 includes a new field surface, new fence by 117, new parking plan along 117, possible sidewalk going east. Phase 2 includes extended fencing, a push-back of 20-30', a barrier between the cell tower road and playing field, and open poles that might allow hanging sponsor ads. No fundraising is proposed. Money will come from Stow and a generous benefactor. Approved.	
5.	Derby Field Improvements Rough playing surface is due to heavy wear from Sawyer students. Proposal to separate the recess area and create a new sports field extending into woods to the east. The sports area would be fenced to keep recess students out. Field hockey willing to donate \$10K.	Site visit with Con Comm & DPW needed to check if wetlands exist in the field extension.

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<p>6. Field and Event Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backyard Bolton 2019 (Aug. 17, 24, and Sept. 7) at Town Common. This would be a farmers market similar to Harvards. Rae Webb wants to help with this. • Tinkers Garden wants to use Bolton Common. \$2466 in revenue realized and 10% goes to Parks and Rec. Mondays and Tuesdays 10-11am weekly all summer. • Burmese Mountain Dog Draft Test (Oct. 19-20, 2019) at Town Common. This is a dog "pulling" test at the old Horse Ring. Owners will drive back to the area. They are paying \$200. 	<p>All 3 requests were approved unanimously.</p>
<p>7. Updates from Commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Day debriefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Baum family wants to "own" the flag placement ceremony ○ P&R coordinator can manage the ceremony at Memorial House. ○ Separate food between adults and children; more donuts. ○ Desire to have slightly longer ceremony; contact war vets to participate. ○ Much more publicity is needed; coordinator responsible for that. ○ Contact Veterans Agent Jim Cabral for assistance. • Event Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We hope to do a summer concert series again this year. We are targeting the four Sundays in July. We will try to prepay for them with \$2000 of our \$2380 FY2019 balance. • Other Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Storage chest at town beach vandalized. New chest will cost \$500. ○ Lauren investigated a possible boating event at the Boy Scouts. They cannot do it for insurance reasons unfortunately. ○ Linda will call COVE to arrange Port-A-Potties. ○ Ed inquired about a "free play" area for kids to build forts, etc. on Town Common land. Idea is from Sudbury's Assabet Wildlife Refuge. Liz Schoepke was contacted to coordinate with Ed. ○ Town Beach has some large rocks that should be removed. 8 sunfish found dead floating in area. Not sure why. ○ Jackie Foster wrote letter to Selectman about weekday soccer players at 530am. ○ Basketball court repaving will cost \$7500. Murphy Insurance not prepared to offer that much. Will try for \$5000. 	<p>Ed will work with the new coordinator to enhance the program.</p> <p>Laura will look into the concert series</p> <p>Linda will purchase new chest.</p> <p>Ed will work with Liz Schoepke.</p>
<p>5. Next Meeting: August 1 at 7:00 pm, Houghton Building, 2nd Floor</p>	

Approved Meeting Minutes

Initials					
Commissioner	E. Sterling	L. Cilley	L. Herbison	L. Roberts	T. Ballard

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