



## Parks and Recreation workshop Meeting 03/16/2023

### **Attendees - (Missing Ken DelMastro)**

Director – Erica Harris-Grimes

President – Jim Troiano

Vice President – Ken DelMastro

Secretary – Arthur Bonafiglia

Member – Josh Troiano

Member – Stacey Papo

Public – Michael Boisvert (Seekonk little league), Jeff Hagan(Seekonk youth basketball), John Pozzi, Emily Fields, David Visnick( softball)Sean Connell, Mitch Escobar

### **Quorum Approved – 06:34**

### **Meeting Start - 6:34pm**

November and January's meetings minutes approved @ 6:40pm

### **Opening Discussion( Chairman's Report) – 06:41pm**

Jim Troiano – Ski program, school run, ran well for all intents and purposes.

Kick up adult softball league? Fun and recreational environment, eyeing late spring and late fall 2023

Monday night kickball to begin as well. Afterschool, Monday nights, utilize "front" softball field

### **Directors Report – 06:55pm**

Erica Harris – Grimes - Fees update, coming soon, needs to be composed

Phone Tree – still need information from leagues to complete. Information needs to be sent to Erica

Progress made with softball, report received from company to made renovations to field at Cole st. Can parks and rec get a copy of draft of field repairs. Prioritize field 3 over all other softball fields if possible.

Erica will continue to reserve in-building use for meetings. Basketball use as well.

Town volleyball league has grown and moved to Hurley and access their two courts. Scoreboard was purchased for two fields.

Geese control – new program in place called “geese police” sole purpose is to walk the fields with a k-9 and then leave, no pickup is included. Current cost is \$1400 a month. Other options were presented to the committee including a laser guided deterrent, fee would be in 20k ballpark. Is there a method for clean up?

Motion heard to pause the “geese police” program for the time being.

### **Lacrosse - 7:15pm**

Joe Raez – request for 40 yard backstop at Hurley field. Balls get lost into the woods where there is ample amounts of poison ivy. Poles and nets would cost \$2160 total , DPW installed. Concern whether a permit would be needed to install 15ft poles.

### **Seekonk Youth Basketball - 7:40pm**

Jeff Hagan – major concern at this point is space, only two outdoor courts available? Is purchasing two portable hoops a possibility for North School use as a court. The parking lot would need to be painted as well.

### **Softball - 7:47pm**

Dave – concern is for field conditions, will current proposal be enough to solve all issues? Infrastructure needs to be updated, no sun cover for the players. Proposal being sent to TA for complete complex update, cost is roughly \$243,000 for proposal.

### **Soccer – 8:05pm**

Mitch Escobar – New to position, initial introductions. Soccer fields are fantastic and in good shape. Seeding in future is a must.

### **Public Comment - 8:16pm**

John Pozzi – Is summer program a possibility in 2023? Is parks and rec running it? Or the town? Its Erica’s belief that the school would be running it moving forward

Emily Fields will follow up with school committee to verify summer program status.

### **New Business – 8:25pm**

Baseball fridge is broke, will parks and rec replace? Cost is roughly \$900.

Baseball requested that a baseball dedication from North could be moved to Water Lane.

8:37 - Motion to adjourn

Seconded @ 8:37

### **Next Meeting**

April 20th<sup>h</sup> location TBD