

LAKEVILLE PARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
REMOTE LOCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2020 @ 6:30PM

Members Present: Jesse Medford, Scott Holmes, Paula Houle, Mike Nolan, Joe Coscia

Other Attendees: Bhumik (Mike) Patel (cricket representative), Neli Woodburn (Clerk)

Chairman Scott Holmes opened the meeting at 6:32pm. LakeCam was recording and live streaming the meeting via Facebook. He read an introduction regarding the need for a remote meeting and how the remote meeting will be conducted. Roll call attendance was completed; all members of the Commission were in attendance. Mr. Bhumik (Mike) Patel was in attendance as an anticipated speaker.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION WITH MIKE PATEL (*Bringing Cricket to TWC*): Mr. Patel provided the Commission with diagrams prior to the meeting detailing the area needed for cricket. Chairman Holmes noted these were received and he additionally did some research about the sport. Mr. Patel provided an overview of the field setup and field needs for the sport. Commissioner Medford inquired if Mr. Patel has a specific spot in mind to put the pitch for the fields. He only reviewed the soccer field area, but is open to consider other areas at Ted Williams Camp (TWC). Commissioner Coscia asked where the needed 150 yard field would fit; Chairman Holmes noted this has not been measured out at TWC. Mr. Patel explained the field must be grass for play; a baseball field with only part grass would not work. Commissioner Coscia inquired if the pitch area must be a permanent fixture or can it be a removable item; Mr. Patel confirmed the pitch must be a solid surface for the ball to bounce. Commissioner Coscia was concerned about where this permanent pitch area could go in order to not interfere with soccer. Commissioner Houle has been in discussion with Mr. Patel about this proposed cricket area and wanted to clarify some items. She noted this is for regular cricket play (not tennis cricket) and soccer fields are more level for this game. She continued providing information for the pitch area which can be clay. Commissioner Houle was concerned about the group having to return the pitch area to grass for soccer play and inquired if the soccer group could move to the new fields next year allowing for a designated cricket area. Chairman Holmes felt it would take more than one soccer field to provide the needed space and inquired on the days the group would play. Mr. Patel stated they mainly play on Saturday and Sundays. Chairman Holmes noted the soccer fields are very busy on the weekends come spring. He confirmed the new fields are scheduled to be available this year, but would not be big enough for cricket. Commissioner Nolan estimated the cricket area would take up most of the soccer fields at TWC and was concerned about digging up a portion of the soccer fields. The pitch would have to be carefully placed to not interfere with the soccer fields. There are approximately 300 soccer players for the spring session and about 700 in the fall session. Commissioner Nolan asked how many would be part of the cricket league; Mr. Patel stated there would be 11 players on each team, so 24 people on the field for a game including 2 umpires. There may be multiple games on one day depending on the schedule. The cricket season runs late March into Early October. Mr. Patel would want to have the field for a full day. He continued with providing more detail about the pitch; he would have professionals do the construction and it is covered with turf. It is made level to the ground due to players running across it during a cricket match. The dimensions of the pitch were reviewed. Mr. Patel stated to begin a league the group must have a home field; he currently plays with a league in Lowell. There would be no line painting; the group can use

cones to mark the field as needed. Commissioner Nolan was concerned about cricket interfering with the soccer club, but feels it can be looked into further. Commissioner Houle reviewed the area she showed Mr. Patel and inquired if it will fit; Chairman Holmes believed the space is too small but noted he was not sure of the area described. Mr. Patel noted the field does not need to be centered; the needed feature is the circle area. Chairman Holmes suggested meeting at the fields to measure the space needed and to review the space that is available. The Commission Clerk was able to present a Google Maps view of the fields to show the areas being discussed. The soccer fields seem to be the only large area where the 150 yard circle can be placed. Mr. Patel was willing to meet the Commission at the fields to measure out space available; he stated a 120 circle is still playable. There are two different types of games held in cricket; one is about 3 hours long and the other 5 hours. Chairman Holmes reiterated the spring and fall seasons are very busy on the fields with a slower time in summer. Available Commissioners will meet Mr. Patel at the fields for further review on Saturday morning. Mr. Patel left the meeting at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW / APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting minutes from 4/23/2020 were provided for review. Commissioner Coscia emailed grammar corrections to the clerk prior to the meeting; these were updated.

MOTION by Mike Nolan: Approve the meeting minutes from 4/23/20. Seconded by Mike Nolan

Roll Call Vote: Jesse Medford – aye, Mike Nolan – aye, Joe Coscia – aye, Scott Holmes – aye; **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting minutes from 6/4/2020 were provided for review.

MOTION by Joe Coscia: Approve the meeting minutes from 6/4/20 as written. Seconded by Mike Nolan

Roll Call Vote: Mike Nolan – aye; Jesse Medford – aye, Joe Coscia – aye, Scott Holmes – aye; **MOTION PASSED**

LPL/SEM UPDATES

(SEM contract review) Chairman Holmes reviewed the recent Board of Selectmen vote to not extend the Southeast Event Management (SEM) contract; at end of day 12/31/20 there will be no management company running the Loon Pond Lodge (LPL). This also ends the bartending service contract. Commissioner Nolan assisted the Board of Selectmen with creating a contract extension for SEM; which was for one year (2021). Only a few of the changes proposed could be added to this contract extension such as liability, damage, lower price, and CORI forms. They met with SEM to discuss and the owner was not interested in a one year contract; he requested a three year contract like before. He was also not interested in bidding for the contract if an RFP was put out. Selectperson Fabian is currently working on creating a RFP for a new management contract. Commissioner Houle asked if there was a plan for coverage if a new company is not contracted by January; the Commission Clerk confirmed events would only begin in March if regulations allow. Commissioner Nolan noted the plan is to have the RFP out as soon as possible as well as the Bartending contract. He contacted the person from SEM to possibly be hired on a contracting basis in-between; however, it is unclear if this could happen. All outstanding SEM bills (May – December) were recently received; Chairman Holmes noted the Commission was not going to receive those bills prior to the contract not being renewed. Commissioner Coscia responded the payment was part of the contract, so all should have been received. Commissioner Houle inquired if the Town would be paying these bills since the Park Commission does not have the funds; Chairman Holmes confirmed the

invoices will be paid from the funds the Town provided recently. The Commission Clerk inquired who would be handling correspondence with interested parties as of January 1st. Chairman Holmes stated no one is set to handle this work; it was noted the Commission Clerk did not have the time to take on this position and was not hired for that job. The Commission Clerk suggested 'closing' the LPL during this time without a management company since there is no one to answer emails, messages, or calls. Commissioner Houle wondered if the Selectmen would have someone from Town Hall assist during this time or if they have an idea on how to manage this. Commission Nolan noted this vote to not extend happened quite recently, and there was no indication of a plan right now.

(General updates) The Lakeville MMA group is currently using the Lodge and outside area for parents who are not comfortable with indoor classes at this time. The Commission Clerk felt the group was doing a good job with the indoor classes, and noted the cleaning company is coming every Saturday morning for a deep clean. There are some LMMA items being stored in the side room.

Jaysan recently came out to further repair the heating system which was having an issue. The company had to replace a part. Commissioner Nolan and Commissioner Houle, who oversee the LPL, were not informed of the heating issue.

TWC UPDATES:

(General updates) There was an issue with blowing out the irrigation system; Commissioner Nolan will go to TWC to help with the problem. All other areas have been blown out. He noted the Highway Department can go to CPP as well to shut down that system and remove the pump; it is on the list. A large dead tree was cut down by the basketball courts. Chairman Holmes noted the Highway Department has been trimming large branches near the Lodge.

The new drainage worked well at the parking lot near the maintenance building; however, the soccer parking lot was still retaining water. The Highway Department stated it may have to remain as is through the winter and be looked at in the spring.

Commissioner Nolan stated the new fields on route 18 will be ready to play on, but the parking lots are not complete. There were funds to finish this project; however the shutdown has reassigned those funds. This job is too big for the Highway Department to complete, so Commission Nolan will reach out to a couple of companies to view the area and provide recommendations. There was also a plan to prep a small area for a future playground. It was clarified the new fields were not just for soccer, but are utility fields. Commissioner Nolan does not feel the new fields would be usable in the spring unless work is done to the parking lots. Commissioner Coscia inquired if the need for donations could be posted to social media; the Commission Clerk will confirm if this can be done. Commissioner Nolan noted the soccer club donated the funds for the well at the new fields, and Old Colony Regional Vocational High School donated the electrical. Commissioner Houle asked for the area dimensions to reach out for possible donations; Commissioner Nolan can provide this information.

SPORTS UPDATES:

Chairman Holmes inquired if the representative from the Horseshoe club got back in touch; the Commission Clerk confirmed he did not. Chairman Holmes asked for a reminder sent to him to provide updated diagrams on the water extension project. The initial project was approved, but the group now wants to add more water to the volleyball area. Chairman Holmes did inform the representative if piping is buried in that area, it must be the proper material since it is a high traffic spot.

(2021 sports fee schedule) Commissioner Coscia has someone interested in holding a softball tournament in July and inquired if the fees will remain the same for 2021. The Commission Clerk provided the current fee for tournaments.

(Responsibilities for each sport) Commissioner Coscia would like to review how the responsibilities for sports will be divided since sport scheduling is not too far away. He has a draft of an updated contract to share which can be used for many different sports.

(Scheduling meeting) Chairman Holmes noted this is usually held in February, but can be moved to end of January. He also confirmed this year may not be an in person meeting, but a virtual one instead.

These items will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion. Commissioner Nolan suggested making a plan for how sports will run in the spring given the current regulations.

CPP UPDATES:

(General updates) There were no updates at this time. Commissioner Coscia asked if there was any damage at CPP from the recent storm; Chairman Holmes only saw some branches down in the area.

JPP UPDATES:

(General updates) The bathroom unit has been winterized and will be wrapped up for the season. There was not a spot for the unit to be moved for winter. It will need to be cleaned out in the spring, and the air conditioner still needs to be repaired. The unit was pumped out and an invoice should be arriving. The AED at JPP was moved to the office building for the season.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS TO REVIEW:

Commissioner Houle noted the AED machine for CPP needs to be repaired. The Commission Clerk tried to contact the company it was purchased from, but did not receive a response.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEMS FROM THE CLERK:

(General updates) The Commission Clerk noted she is moving her desk to the LPL due to the weather being too cold and damp at this time. Chairman Holmes stated the TWC maintenance employee could clean the portable dance floor which is currently at the LPL. A review of the portable dance floor was provided.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to review.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Coscia asked if maintenance items at the parks were still being submitted to Commissioner Nolan for the Highway Department. Commissioner Nolan has submitted everything listed so far, and many items are now completed. Additional items can be sent to Commissioner Nolan. Commissioner Coscia would like to have the Town electrician come to JPP to move the electrical box for the lights; he will continue with this project

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 04, 2021 @ 6:30pm via remote access.

MOTION by Mike Nolan: Adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Seconded by Joe Coscia

Roll Call Vote: Joe Coscia – aye, Jesse Medford – aye, Mike Nolan – aye, Paula Houle – aye, Scott Holmes - aye; **MOTION PASSED**

*****Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm*****