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TOWN OF LAKEVILLE **REMOTE MEETING NOTICE/ AGENDA**

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Name of Board or Committee:	<u>Lakeville Park Commission</u>
Date & Time of Meeting:	Monday, September 21, 2020 @ 6:30pm
Location of Meeting:	<u>REMOTE MEETING</u>
Clerk/Board Member posting notice	<u>Neli Woodburn, clerk</u>

AGENDA

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the September 21, 2020 public meeting of the **Park Commission** shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. **However, to view this meeting in progress, please go to [facebook.com/lakecam](https://www.facebook.com/lakecam) (you do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting). This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>**

NEW BUSINESS

Any New Business for the Commission

OLD BUSINESS

Review / Approve Meeting Minutes

LPL/SEM updates: Arts Council request for December event, general updates

TWC Updates: Line painting update, TWC fall projects, LHH volunteer request, landscaping update, general updates

Sports Updates: AJFC request for field practice, FLAA schedule request, general updates

CPP Updates: general updates

JPP Updates: general updates

Any other Old Business to review: Route 18 Field updates

OTHER BUSINESS

Items from the Clerk: storage area at TWC office, general updates

Any other business from the Commission

Please be aware that this agenda is subject to change. If other issues requiring immediate attention of the Park Commission arise after the posting of this agenda, they may be addressed at this meeting.

Lakeville Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
Loon Pond Lodge
Saturday, February 08, 2020@ 9:00am

Members Present: Scott Holmes, Joe Coscia, Justin Bradley, Jesse Medford, Mike Nolan (@9:12)
Other Attendees: Neli Woodburn (Clerk), Ryan Tufts (Giants Future), Jack Taylor (FLAA), Derrick Loud (FLSC), Haley Dupre (RIWSSL), Marc Tisdelle (FL Softball), Dale Simmons (Lakeville Men's Softball), Derek Dumond (Coed Blooperball), Hannah Sousa (RIWSSL)

Chairman Holmes opened the meeting at 9:11am.

Chairman Holmes inquired if anyone was recording the meeting; No one was recording.

Chairman Holmes explained to the attendees the Commission had some business to discuss prior to reviewing the sports season information. He began the discussion with a review of the electric in the parking lot near the Loon Pond Lodge (LPL). The electric company tested the meter and it is live; however, the power is not getting to the lights. The Park Commission will need to hire an electrician for this project. It was noted the Town Electrician was not available. Estimates from electricians will be requested and brought back to the Commission for further review.

Chairman Holmes stated at a recent weekend event at the LPL cars were parked in areas not allowed. He suggested purchasing more signs to post to avoid this issue in the future.

The next item for the Commission's attention was a flooding problem which is occurring at the entrance way to the LPL. Complaints have been received from voting volunteers in regards to this flooding issue and the lack of lighting to the left side of the building (near the CW Room). Chairman Holmes noted the lights are being worked on at this time and asked for any suggestions on a temporary solution to the flooding. He offered the possibility of a small bridge being built to allow people passage over the flooded area temporarily until the paving can be fully corrected.

QUESTION & ANSWERS FROM TEAMS/GROUP AS APPLICABLE:

Chairman Holmes opened the meeting to any questions or comments from the groups/teams in attendance. Commissioner Bradley introduced himself as the scheduling commissioner this season and stated he intended to create a master schedule of all the teams/groups at TWC. He further stated teams/groups who utilize the same field tend to work out scheduling changes or conflicts among themselves and he approved continuing in this manner. Commissioner Nolan added the area of the Lakeville Haunted House (LHH) is currently being cleared and it is not safe at this time. He asked the Teams/Groups to keep participants and attendees away from this area. Commissioner Bradley noted the possibility of fields closing due to weather and stated communication will be sent out to the Teams/Groups when this happens. Mr. Taylor inquired on the replacement of lights on the baseball fields which he previously spoke to Chairman Holmes about and provided a diagram of the lights needing to be fixed. Commissioner Nolan stated this was not completed yet, but since an electrician will be needed for other lights this project can be added. Chairman Holmes added the issue has been finding someone with the needed equipment to handle these lights. Mr. Taylor believed he also provided the bulb type along with the diagram. Commission

Coscia also added if the fields close due to EEE like last year for the Teams/Groups to please adhere to the times the fields must be emptied by for the safety of all the players and spectators. Chairman Holmes noted it is a Board of Health decision when the fields close for this reason. This situation occurred quite early last year. Freetown-Lakeville Softball provided a review of some projects they are trying to complete at John Paun Park (JPP). Commissioner Bradley explained since the Park Commission is an Enterprise Fund it relies on Teams/Groups doing work in their areas and only asks for communication on what is being done. He thanked the Freetown-Lakeville group for their work at JPP.

2020 SEASON CONTRACT DISTRIBUTION TO TEAMS/GROUPS:

Contracts were provided to any Teams/Groups in attendance who did not previously receive one. Further details on the required documents were provided as needed. Basic schedules were reviewed at this time. Approved days/times will be included in the master schedule created.

2019 ELECTRICITY ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICABLE:

Electricity assessments were provided to the applicable Teams/Groups via email prior to the meeting. Any copies not received via email were provided to them at this time.

Teams/Groups were thanked for attending the meeting and informed to reach out to the Commission with any further questions.

Commissioner Nolan noted the meter spoken about at the beginning of the meeting is currently being billed. The meter dial is not spinning but the company confirmed there is power to the meter at this time. There is a possibility the wire from the meter to the lights was cut during some construction. Commission Nolan also provided an update on the dumpsters being used for the LHH cleanup. A tree recently fell on the building in the area as well.

Next meeting previously scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm at the Loon Pond Lodge at Ted Williams Camp.

Motion by Mike Nolan: Adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joe Coscia

Voted: Unanimous in favor – Motion Passed

*****Meeting adjourned at 10:01pm*****

Notes from 09/18/20 meeting with Franklin and Jim from the DPW

Items I requested at TWC:

Aerate and seed the North Fields. I have contacted Winfield regarding the completion of dropping lime and fertilizer. He recommends doing the seeding and following up the first or second week of October with the rest.

Remove and repair the trail sign at the boat ramp.

Clear and clean up the walking trails and cut down dangerous dead trees around near the trails.

Remove and replant the cedars from in front of the lodge. HWY is going to attempt to transplant.

Help with contracting a company to roll and spread material on the North Field parking lots

Continue LHH cleanup.

Items requested by Paula at TWC:

Remove all shrubs in front of office building.

Cut down the cedar tree in front of the office.

Move gazebo from playground to lodge area.

Items suggested by HWY:

Cut down the pine tree in the middle of the field

Trim dead limbs from trees surrounding the lodge.

Cut back trees along the water to afford a better view

Trim all trees throughout the park for better sight lines.

Items suggested by Joe for JPP:

Cut brush along field 1(first base side), field 3(third base side and along entire perimeter)

Replace fence posts(rotted) along road

Repair gate

Repair post in playground area

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September 9, 2020

YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PHASE III, STEP 1 EXPANSION OF ACTIVITY #1, AMENDED 8/13/20, EFFECTIVE 8/17/20

The purpose of this letter is to document the policies and procedures that Apponequet Junior Football & Cheerleading will follow in order to comply with the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Safety Standards for managing the spread of the Covid 19 virus, effective August 17, 2020.

Our objective as an organization is to develop and operate a competitive football and cheerleading program so as to firmly implant in the participants the ideas, among others of dedication, courage, respect, and perseverance.

To that end, we as an organization are committed to modeling these values by putting forth a program that provides the youth of our community the best opportunity possible to continue to develop their football and cheer related skills, physical fitness, and self-confidence, that fully respects and complies with all governing authorities tasked with reducing and eliminating the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

We have read the above cited guidelines put forth by the MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (attached with relevant sections highlighted) and will comply with the guidelines in the following manner.

Per p. 3 of the guidelines both football and competitive cheer are classified as Higher Risk sports where there is a requirement or a substantial likelihood of routine close and/or sustained proximity or deliberate physical contact between participants and a high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.

Per p. 4, in phase III, step 1, through this expansion 1, sports and activities included in the Higher Risk category can participate in Level 1 as traditionally played. Level 1 is individually or socially distanced group activities (non-contact workouts, aerobic conditioning, individual skill work, and drills). To date our program has fully complied with this limitation since July 1 at the Long Pond Field in E. Freetown.

Level 2 and Level 3 play are only allowed if the Minimum Mandatory standards for Modification to Play are Met. Level 2 is competitive practices and Level 3 is Competitions (inter-team games).

In order to engage in these activities, higher risk sports and activities must develop and implement sport-specific modification to play to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among participants. These modifications are listed below followed by our procedures for complying with each standard.

- *Identify measures that significantly limit contact and increase physical distancing. Modify practice and play as much as possible to keep players spaced 6 feet apart for the majority of a game or practice.*

We will comply with this modification by keeping players spaced 6+ feet apart when observing and while participating in any football related drill or cheer formation unless wearing a face covering.

- *Conduct the activity or sport outdoors where possible*

All of our program activities will be conducted outdoors at Long Pond field in E. Freetown or Ted Williams Camp in Lakeville.

- *Shorten activities, practices, and game play or perform the activity with fewer participants to the extent possible.*

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At this time of year we would normally be practicing approximately 2 hours per day, 3 evenings per week, plus 2 hours of warm-up/game on Saturdays and 2.5 hours of warm-up/game time on Sundays, a total of 10.5 hours per week. Our current program is 90 minutes - 1 evening/week in E. Freetown. In order to end before dusk, we will be switching to 60 minutes, 2 evenings/week in E. Freetown beginning the week of September 14. We would like to begin intramural games in accordance with the procedures below at Ted Williams Camp each Saturday from Oct. 3-Nov. 21 with no activity on Oct. 10 for Columbus Day weekend. We are envisioning 2 1-hour sessions with a 30 minute buffer between sessions sometime between 11 and 4 each Saturday. Our participants range in age from grade 3 to grade 8. We anticipate 20 players and 20 cheerleaders will participate in each of the two sessions a total of 40 participants per session and 80 participants overall. 1 spectator will be permitted per participant, 1 for 1. We are averaging 20-40 players and 20-30 cheerleaders overall at our current practice sessions.

- *Modify the activity or sport to reduce the sharing of equipment or to allow cleaning of shared equipment between participants.*

With the additional clarification provided in this expansion we have introduced limited use of shared equipment to expand the drills we can offer our participants. Use of shared equipment comprises no more than 60 minutes (1/2) of our practice time each week. The only shared equipment we use currently are footballs. In future weeks, we plan to incorporate blocking shields and tackling dummies. During all drills involving this equipment players are positioned 6+ feet apart. Shields and dummies will be sanitized with an approved sanitizer each time a new participant is expected to come into contact with it. Participants observing the drill will remain 6+ feet from those who are involved in the drill at a given time. Footballs are available only within a specified station for a specified drill and only 1 football is in use at a given time by a group of players of 10 or less. Upon completing of the drill, the football that was just used is sanitized using an approved sanitization product and an already sanitized football is rotated into the drill and all participants are required to sanitize their hands or gloves before rotating to the next station.

**Incorporate protective equipment in a safe manner to further reduce the spread of respiratory particles.*

While handling ANY shared equipment each player or coach who is intended to come into contact with that equipment is required to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth while involved in the drill and to sanitize gloves or hands following any drill where equipment is shared.

**Modify Play to Limit Contact or Increase Distancing for Participant, Eliminate Deliberate Contact, and Minimize Intermittent Contact.*

The only lineman that are involved in a team formation drill or intramural contest is a center who will snap the ball to the quarterback who will be 6+ feet behind him (no under center snaps) – reduces formation to a max of 7 players vs. the traditional 11.

The only team drills will be passing focused with each player positioned 6+ feet apart.

Offensive and defensive teams will be limited to 7 players each, each of whom will be 6+ feet from any player on his or her team or the opposing team at the snap of the ball.

Because “team” drills and intramural contacts will involve shared equipment (a football), face coverings are to be worn at all times, the ball will be sanitized at least every 10 plays or repetitions, gloves are encouraged whenever possible, and gloves or hands are required to be sanitized following at least every 10 play or repetitions.

The only contact that is permissible during a team drill or intramural contest is when an offensive and defensive player are contesting a ball that is in the air and a single hand “touch” or pulling of a flag by a defensive player of an offensive player who is running with the ball to end the play. No blocking, pushing off, tackling, or other close proximity contact is permitted. Fumbles are considered “dead balls” to avoid contesting a recovery.

Cheer participants maintain social distance of 6+ feet at all times when practicing or performing their routines.

**Mandatory Modifications for Modified Level 2 Play (Competitive practices)*

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The only “competitive” drills are passing scrimmages as outlined above. During these drills the offensive and defensive teams are limited to 7 players. All drills involving are performed in cohorts of 10 players and each group is comprised of the same 10 players whenever possible. The only exception to this is if two groups need to be combined in a given week due to attendance in order to perform the drills. All cohorts participating in a drills are at least 14 feet from any other cohort. Shared equipment is sanitized whenever it is used by a new cohort, i.e. when cohorts are “rotated” among multiple stations.

Players are required to bring their own masks and keep it readily accessible at all times. Players are encouraged to wear gloves, and extra masks and gloves are available for players who do not have them. Gloves or hands are sanitized at the beginning and end of each session and drill.

Organized cheering during competitive drills or intramural contests will occur 14+ feet from any practice cohort and 6+ feet of social distance will be maintained by each cheerleader at all times. Cheer squads are organized into cohorts of 10 or less.

**Additional Policies and Procedures*

Each player is required to have an individual water bottle and there is no sharing of water.

Each player is asked if they have experienced any Covid-like symptoms or been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid in the 14 days prior to any session before entering the practice field.

Masks are worn at all times except during high intensity running drills where players are engaged with over 6 feet of distance between them.

Coaches will wear masks at all times unless they are in excess of ten feet from any other.

Sportsmanship is conducted in a touchless manner – no handshakes/slaps/fist bumps.

Spectators are required to remain outside of the fence surrounding the facility, 6+ feet from any other household, in their cars whenever possible, and to have a mask available and that is used whenever 6+ feet cannot be maintained i.e. when walking their player to the entrance of the field or picking him or her up at the exit. Only one spectator is allowed per participant.

All players are required to leave the field immediately following each session.

All shared equipment as described above is sanitized before and after each session by the coaching staff and board.

No food or drink is available for sale, with the exception of disposable water bottles for players who forget theirs at home.

Any individual demonstrating Covid symptoms during the activity will be asked to leave the field and instructed to return home.

Each participant’s legal guardian is required to sign a waiver absolving Apponequet Junior Football, the Town of Freetown, and the Town of Lakeville of any liability resulting from the Covid-19 virus.

Apponequet Junior Football will bear the cost and provide a portable restroom at each field location both in E. Freetown and at Ted Williams Camp and will assign a volunteer for the duration of each activity to sanitize the restroom after each use.

Apponequet Junior Football will repair any damaged areas of either field after use.

No less than 3 volunteers from Apponequet Junior Football will complete AED training by the Lakeville Fire Department by 9/15.

As a result of these modifications to our program, 2020 participation fees have been reduced from \$255 for football and \$175 for cheer to \$50 per participant.

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These procedures were approved unanimously by the Lakeville Board of Health at their September 2, 2020 meeting via Zoom.

These procedures were discussed with former Freetown Board of Health Agent Derek Macedo prior to his departure on September 8 and have provided to the Freetown Board of Health via Senior Clerk Nadine Dimond and offered to answer any questions they might have at their next board meeting.

Sincerely,

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