

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM – Memorial Park Building

PRESENT: John Gallelo, Chair; Jim Healy, Clerk; Bill Topham

ABSENT: Mark Forbes, Vice-Chair, Chuck Mangine, Matt Borrelli BOS designee,
David DiCicco, Park & Recreation designee

GUESTS: ParentTalk (Susan Kagan and Joanna Cram)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gallelo at 7:02 P.M. Trustee Healy arrived at 7:08, and a quorum was declared.

ParentTalk (Susan Kagan and Joanna Cram) discussed their Flicks on the Field event on August 20, 2016 (rain date of August 21), from 5:00 to 10:00 pm. This request was discussed by the Trustees at their last meeting (April 13). Request for signage three weeks prior to the event (they will contact Mark Forbes). Need lights on Gazebo and near restrooms. Screen and speakers will be at the outfield fence and pointing towards the Library. Request also to use the concession room and bathrooms. They understand the area needs to be cleaned-up following the event. In this regard, they asked if the lights might be allowed to stay on 30 minutes extra to allow them to do a complete clean-up. They will determine the precise time of the movie and advise us if additional light time is needed. They understand there can be no access to the monument area and dogs are strictly forbidden. They will deliver fliers to the abutting neighbors letting them know of the event. Request approved 3-0.

The minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting were approved 3-0.

Healy advised that pursuant to last month's vote, two (2) trees were removed from the Gateway Garden as part of this area's renovation. Ed Olsen was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will be providing a draft design plan shortly.

The Annual Town Meeting adjourned on May 11. The Feasibility Study (\$50,000) for the fieldhouse was approved. The drainage project for the hill and fields (approximately \$300,000) was approved. However, Town Meeting rejected the request to put some amount of this year's "Free Cash" into the Athletic Facility Improvement Fund. This money remains as "Free Cash" – we will consult with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on this matter.

With respect to the Park & Recreation Commission's Arts in the Parks program, the Trustees still request the Park & Recreation Director to attend a future

meeting of the Trustees to provide them with a plan to monitor dogs that may be brought to the Park by guests to these events.

Healy advised he emailed the Selectmen and Town Manager concerning the ongoing problem of citizens, who continue to allow their pets to go on the fields, and in many instances, allow their pets to relieve themselves on the fields. Town officials advised that the police would monitor the field area, and when the Town Manager returns from China she would respond to this issue.

Trustee Topham is still working on purchasing flags with the remainder of our FY'16 budget funds.

The Special Request of the Needham-Wellesley Ham Radio Club – initially discussed at our April 13 meeting, was approved 3-0.

Needham Jr. Football, Needham Legion Baseball, and Needham Junior Legion Baseball request the field lights to be used for playoff games (if these teams make the playoffs). These requests will be voted at our next meeting.

A Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded and approved 3–0 at 7:50 pm. The next Trustees meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm, at Memorial Park.

END OF MINUTES.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk