

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 7:00 PM – PSAB (Charles River Room)

PRESENT: John Gallelo, Chair; Mark Forbes, Vice Chair; Jim Healy, Clerk; Chuck Mangine; Dan Matthews – BOS Chair / Representative to TMP

ABSENT: Bill Topham

GUESTS: Matt Borrelli, Selectman, Memorial Park Fieldhouse “User Rep”

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gallelo at 7:02 pm. A quorum was declared.

As a result of questions that were previously raised about the April 18 minutes, Healy explained that these minutes had been approved by the Trustees 5-0 at our meeting on May 3, 2018 and therefore, it was appropriate to have those minutes posted after that meeting. Healy also stated that it is his opinion that the proposed “Interim Rules and Regulations for Use of Memorial Park Fieldhouse” (that were appended to the April 18 minutes) is a “public document”, and as a result, it is appropriate to post that document as well.

The minutes of the Trustees meeting on May 3, 2018 were approved 5-0, and will be posted shortly. Healy stated he was not present at the rescheduled meeting on June 6 (as a result of a pre-announced conflict), and accordingly, he obviously took no minutes of that meeting.

The Trustees approved Needham Junior Football’s Special Event Request 5-0 (use of the Park on 9/1, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, and 10/20, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM).

There was a discussion of how the Trustees want to manage the two “sign boards” at the Park (on the corner of Rosemary and Highland), and the fact we may want to obtain assistance from Town Hall. We agreed to continue discussing this topic and engaging Town Hall.

We agreed to try and keep to a regular meeting night – the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Chair Gallelo will post these meetings and the agendas.

Park & Rec advised the Trustees they had received a complaint from a Kingsbury Street resident that some baseball team was playing loud music at the 90’ baseball diamond and also that some players were coming into their yard to retrieve foul balls. Park & Rec further advised they had contacted all baseball leagues that use the 90’ diamond to be respectful of our neighbors. Healy discussed our prior investigation of improving the

backstop netting system to try and lessen the number of foul balls that leave the field area. After the new fieldhouse is completed, we will further discuss potentially seeking capital monies to address this issue.

Gallelo discussed certain repairs that are needed to the baseball scoreboard – the color of the light bulbs is wrong and the board is peeling – we will seek the assistance of Ed Olsen to look into these issues.

Matthews advised he had recently spoken to School Superintendent Dan Gutekanst, and both thought it would be helpful to invite NHS Athletic Director Dan Lee to a future meeting. We will see if he is available for our next meeting.

A Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and approved 5–0 at 7:25 PM.

END OF MINUTES.

The next Trustees meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the PSAB.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk