

TOWN OF NEEDHAM TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 – 7:00 PM – Rosemary Recreation Complex

TRUSTEES PRESENT: John Gallelo, Chair; Mark Forbes, Vice Chair; Jim Healy, Clerk; Chuck Mangine; John Bulian – BOS Chair / Representative to Trustees of Memorial Park

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Bill Topham

GUESTS: Patty Carey, Park & Recreation Director; Mike Retzky, Public Facilities Construction Division;

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gallelo at 7:03 pm. A quorum was declared.

Healy advised that following the Town's annual election, he has been sworn in by the Town Clerk and that Mangine still needed to do so. Mangine agreed not to vote on any matter this evening, until he can get sworn in over the coming days.

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2019 were approved 3-0-2 (Healy and Mangine abstained).

Mike Retzky gave another excellent presentation on the status on the new fieldhouse construction project, discussing the work that has been done since February. Retzky is still hoping to obtain a temporary occupancy certificate so the Needham Exchange Club will have access to the 1st floor for the July 3rd and 4th festivities. Retzky will soon be meeting with the "users" of the building and the storage cages. Healy asked that Retzky investigate any potential "design" awards for which Needham might be able to apply.

Carey gave an update on the synthetic turf replacement project at both Memorial and DeFazio Parks. Carey advised the total project cost for both Parks (3 fields) is \$1.7 million, and the Town's Athletic Fields Improvement Fund has a current balance of \$2.5 million.

The Trustees voted 4-0 to allow ParentTalk to have popcorn at their Flicks on the Field event.

The Trustees voted 4-0 to allow a soccer storage container on the Park's premises for 6 weeks. The issue of whether there might be a permanent storage container was deferred to Retzky and then must come back before the Trustees – but for now is laid on the table.

Carey advised our FY'2019 budget has \$515 remaining, which the Trustees voted unanimously to be used for solar lights to shine on the American Flag at night, and any remaining balance to be used to purchase new flags. Carey will investigate this and report back at our May meeting.

Healy provided his initial thoughts on a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fieldhouse and will be working with Trustee Forbes on same.

A Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and approved 4–0 at 7:39 PM.

END OF MINUTES.

The next Trustees meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rosemary Recreation Complex.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Healy, Trustee and Clerk