



TOWN OF SHARON

MEETING NOTICE

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 39 SECTION 23A AS
AMENDED.

Town Clerk

LOCATION OF MEETING: SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER

DATE & TIME:

May 31, 2018

6:30pm

Agenda

Members Present: Gary Bluestein, chair, Chris Valois, Cheryl Whiting, Ro Desai, Rick Schantz

Staff: Linda Berger, Jonathan Lewitus, Maura Palm

1. **Call to Order:** 6:32pm
2. **Approval of April meeting minutes:** Cheryl Whiting, Chris Valois – second. Unanimous approved.
3. **Guest: Bob Lee, Men's Softball -**
 - 8 teams with rosters up to 25
 - Limit out of towners 5 per team
 - Goal: Maintain Sharon character with eight full teams active
 - Town Employees now qualify as Sharon residents
 - Interest for DPW/Firefighter/Police Team formatting
 - Competitive League
 - Rosters solidified by June 15th
 - Suggestion to increase participation: Flier train station, hockey league, Everything Sharon, What's Up Sharon, Mom's Club
 - Things to consider: Places to play when high school field goes down and temporary lights. Another possibility of using Middle School field.
 - Financially sound. Linda will get report and look at AGO website for financials.
 - Lining issues.
4. **Guest: Kevin Weber, Forestry & Grounds – Unable to attend**
 - Does irrigation lines get blown annually?
 - Trip hazard at lake by boat ramp gate
 - Stone dust at basketball courts
 - Lining softball field by end of June
 - Suggest facility drive through with Linda as possibility to learn what is scheduled for Forestry and Grounds concerning Recreation property.

5. Guest: Brad Payne, SYBSA –

SYBSA would like to get approval to install single head sprinklers at Ames infield.

Head will be located behind the sprinkler.

Injuries: Shouldn't be a factor. .

Most infields or many have ability to irrigate. It is about dust remediation. Primary benefit is for players. July/August can become very dusty.

Manually operated sprinklers only will be done as needed. Controlled access to a valve that will allow access only when needed. Tournaments hand water and time consuming. Need a specific wrench to turn on and off the system.

Time frame: Looking to do it this year before tournaments begin.

Negatives: Water use may increase and other means fields would be down for relatively short period of time during installation.

Refer to handout distributed.

Check around with other towns to see if they have similar set up. See if there are any issues? Can we use a non skid cover?

Motion by Ro Desai: Make recommendation to install semi-automated infield sprinkler taking into consideration safety concerns. Cheryl Whiting: second; All in favor- zero opposed.

6. Guest: Friend Circle – Chanie Minkowitz and Jill Katz

Non-profit organization provide children with disabilities social opportunities.

Garden party event on June 10th. Wants to get a kindness rock project to find a place in town to establish rock garden. Sample provided.

Maintenance? Who does this over time?

40 rocks in total to be placed and have the inclusion tiles to surround it.

Motion by Chris Valois: Allow Friendship Circle representatives work with Recreation Department staff to find appropriate spot at Beech Tree Park. - Cheryl Whiting second; Unanimous

7. Directors Report

Basketball recommendations

-Rec department makes the schedules and publishes 2-3 prior to the start of the season.

-Possibility of having games on only Saturdays, no longer on week nights (held for practices only)

-Would like teams to get 2 practices in before games start

-Overall structure and organization of player evaluations/tryouts

-Improvement to 3pt, skills, hot shot contests-Music, shortened, make it lively.

-Communication with the travel program and overlapping of schedules

-Improve A/B schedule

-Increase fee for high school league to absorb custodial OT

-Meeting with coordinator for league and refs next week

Directors Report

-Delivery of sheds and picnic tables

-Program on track for 2018- may do a school newsletter prior to school dismissal

- Spring special events were well attended

-Staffing is coming along well for Summer 2018.

-Support Dover Sherborn returning to lake next Spring. Very good partnership.

8. Old Business

a. Erza's Pavilion Sign review/approval

To begin fundraising efforts: Cheryl Whiting Motion: to approve sign as presented. Chris

Valious second. Unanimous. Chris Valois Motion: Make recommendation to approve signage

to place at Lake Massapoag and Recreation sites –Ro Desai second. Unanimous.

b. Recap on Town Meeting and Project Approvals

Linda has started to get quotes for both projects which were approved for CPC. Funding available July 1st. Gator will not be available until August therefore may push off purchase until Spring 2019. TBD.

9. Other Business that the committee wishes to discuss that was not known 48 hours in advance

- a. Request to put up Tennis screens by member of RAC. Unfortunately, RD doesn't have any staff members to put up screens at this time. Looking into solutions to see how this can be done.

Next meeting, Thursday, June 21st at 6:30pm.

10. Adjourn: 8:38pm Cheryl Whiting Motion, Chris Valois, second