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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
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Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Vice Chairman, Kevin Turner, Dan Proto, and Kathy Pina

Commission Members Absent: Clyde Takala – Chairman, Rene King, Andy Gauthier

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept the minutes from August 3rd meeting, seconded by Joe O'Brien, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

New Business: Joe O'Brien asked if Amy Harwood, Marketing Manager for the Hyannis Youth and Community Center, would be available for the October meeting. **David** said that she would be.

Public Comment: Rich Petze, president of Barnstable Little League, informed the Recreation Commission that Barnstable Little League has grown and they are looking to make the fields at Bay Lane in Centerville their primary fields. **Rich** said that engineering wise, it makes sense to expand the facility and run 75% of the program at the Bay Lane fields. He wants to put in a concession stand. When they lost the field and concession stand to the HYCC, they lost a lot of revenue for their program. He believes that the fields at Bay Lane will be the right place for the Barnstable Little League. **Rich** handed out a rough sketch of the fields and the layout. **Dan Proto** asked if they would like to put lights up at the field. **Rich** said he would love to have lights but will proceed on the project even if lights are denied. **David Curley** asked if Rich and Little League are proposing lights. **Rich** said yes they were, but if lights were not an option, they would still go forward with the project. **Kevin Turner** asked how the neighbors have been in the past. **David** said that one neighbor has come to him a few times in the past, but nothing recently. **David** also said that the fields at Bay Lane were Recreation property. **Kevin** made a suggestion for Barnstable Little League to figure out the number of parking spots available at the field. **Joe** suggested that Little League coordinate with the school on functions and games regarding parking. **Rich** said that he has been currently working with the school and parking has not been a problem. **Kathy Pina** asked if they had a plan B. **Rich** said that it was not a problem to come up with an alternate plan. **David** asked if 2 fields fit better than 2. Also, **Rich** said that they were looking into the land on Osterville – W. Barnstable Road. They have a plan that is ready to go. **David** said that was always the intent for the land; fields for Barnstable Little League. **Rich** said he wanted to keep his options

open. **David** said the next step would be to contact local officials and then go to a public hearing on the property. Rich Petze is scheduled to be on the October agenda.

Old Business: **Kathy Pina** asked David if he found anything out about honoring Nate Nickerson at Lombard Field. **David** said that he supports something being placed in his name. **Kathy** asked if a sign or a plaque be placed in his name on the snack bar; Nate helped build and maintain the field. Also, **Kathy** asked about the signs for the light poles in the parking lot and fundraising availability. **David** said that they were on board with that and Amy Harwood would be at the October meeting to answer questions the Commission may have.

Joe said there still was not a sign at Ropes Beach indicating the Smoking Ban. Also, **Joe** asked about the Commission hand book. **David** said he would inquire about it again. **Joe** asked about Ridgewood Park and the potential playground. **David** said that many people came to him to speak against it. He has a meeting with Superintendent Grenier and Officer Morrison and may focus the attention on the playground at the Horace Mann School next door to the Hyannis Community Center. Officer Morrison would expand on that playground and equipment. Officer Morrison will be scheduled on the October Meeting Agenda.

Public Comment: **Dan Proto** said that the Hyannis Youth and Community Center was great.

Director's Report: **See Attached.** **David** asked how the Commission felt about a smoking ban on the grounds of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. **Dan Proto** made a motion to ban all tobacco products on the Hyannis Youth and Community Center grounds, seconded by **Kevin Turner**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Kathy**; the motion was passed at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division