MINUTES OF THE RAYNHAM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

**Regular Monthly Meeting, October 5, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

# Raynham Senior Center, 2215 King Phillip St, Raynham, MA

**In attendance:** Chairman Chris Shaw, Commissioner Jim Brow, Commissioner Josh Daisy, Director Tim McRae, and Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary Samantha Sturtevant.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. Josh seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed.

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7th meeting. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

Chris called for old business.

**Old Business (2):**

1. *Gymkhana Building*

Tim followed-up about the discussion last meeting regarding the wording. Tim asked if they wanted to pursue the word alteration more or if they want to hold off.

Chris said he thinks that they can just leave it for the time being and if it turns out they need to challenge something then they will pursue it then.

1. *Burke Field Update*

Tim mentioned that they were able to find the leak. It was just a side leak by the old garage, it was not the main valve so it was taken off, capped, and the grass is growing now. It’s coming along nicely.

Chris said that’s good news.

Chris moved on to new business.

**New Business Items (1):**

1. *Fall Field Use Permit Applications*

-*Bridgewater-Raynham High School Freshman Football*

Looking for a field the upcoming Saturday. Their home field is not ready. They reached out to him to see if they could play a game 8:30p.m.-1:00p.m. The Giants are okay with it, all is good on that end.

Jim asked about the old high school field.

Chris said it’s not lined. Chris also mentioned his concern for the field conditions after it’s used. A lot of money goes into the facilities. In the end, they are the ones that are going to need to pay if it needs to get repaired. There is a lot of water but the field does drain well. The forecast is supposed to be decent that weekend. As long as Giants’ football is okay with it.

Tim said for one day use there is a minimum charge of $140 for a four-hour charge but their looking at four and a half hours so it would be $175.

Chris said that they are Raynham kids.

Jim said some of them are but they should be spending the money to line the old high school field instead of us footing the bill for Bridgewater-Raynham. Especially at the fields.

Chris said he thinks that in recent history they have collaborated well with the superintendent’s office including projects that have been done, the most recent being the playground. He thinks that they have a good relationship and that they should continue that.

Jim made a motion to approve the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School freshman football team to use the Bettencourt Football Field with no fee. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

-*Raynham Giants Cheerleading*

Tim reached out to the Giants in regards to this permit as well. They want to put on a fundraiser on October 16th from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. for a powderpuff game. Jeremy said that the field is available for them if it is approved. There has been no charge in the past for fundraising events for local youth sports.

Jim made a motion to approve Raynham Giants Cheerleading to use Bettencourt Football Field on October 16th from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. with no fee. Chris seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

1. *Griffith Field Fence*

Tim said that the Griffith field fence is going to be replaced at the beginning of November. They’re getting that project going because it needs it desperately, it’s coming up on different angels all over the place. It’ll be nice to move forward and get onto other projects.

Chris called for commissioner reports.

**Commissioners’ Reports:**

**Josh:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Jim:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Chris:** Chris asked if they control the permitting for the Giants midgets practice over at the Legion.

Tim said yes, that was on their permit. They have practices on the Legion Field behind Merrill School and also the Mighty Midgets practice on Bettencourt so they’re at three different locations.

Chris asked if the med-flight reached out to pull a permit to use that field for Raynham Fire and Police.

Tim said no.

Chris said someone posted a picture on social media. He’s a little disappointed that they didn’t reach out for permission.

Tim said he also had to reach out to the Buddhist Temple because Mike Heylin sent him a picture of cars parked at South School. He let them know that if they are doing events to let them know.

**Staff Reports:**

**Sammi:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Tim announced the following:**

-Field paint is still a massive issue. He ordered it at the end of August, Early September. There’s a shortage everywhere. Purple is supposed to be coming to help line some of the soccer fields and white is supposed to be delivered next week. Originally, he was told two weeks and now it’s been five or six so it’s been affected by COVID all around.

-Tony Arruda cut the field this past weekend. It’s greatly appreciated. There were a few spots that were a little too wet and we didn’t want to get stuck. He’ll do that when things dry out or freeze over. Tim said they got close to three inches of rain yesterday and the soccer fields just absorb the water.

-Tim wanted to remind everyone that the Rock Hard Racing event is next Wednesday. They have approximately 250 riders. They’re a little down this year in numbers but they expect a good time. Tim went out with them over the course so they should be in good shape.

-The Bettencourt field had a grub outbreak. Working with Kenny Bolin, Derek, and Norm, they shut the field down to the school so they can put the proper treatment on which will be closed until Saturday morning when BR comes out and plays. Any youth sports only have to sit out two days and schools have to sit out five. He said he doesn’t understand it but it’s just a part of the process. Very strange.

-We’re in the final process of finalizing Trunk-or Treat. Looking at Friday night, October 29th for a couple of hours. He has reached out to the police department for a detail in case there is an overflow of some people parking across the street., it will be on the far side, turn some lights on, and hopefully the kids will have a good time. It’s more for pre-school through second or third grade just to limit the amount of people there at one time.

-Tim spoke to Derek about basketball. Currently, they are still keeping outside groups out of the school. If things improve after the holidays, they may run a shortened basketball season. There have been a lot of inquiries about it. There are a lot of families that want it back, he wants it back, Heather wants it back. They just can’t get into the schools right now. They are using the Lions Club for a couple of activities a couple of days a week. Unfortunately, COVID has really affected what activities that can be run right now.

-Tim wanted to thank the Giants and Raynham Youth Soccer for inviting him to their opening day ceremonies. Both were a great time. They did a wonderful job.

-A reminder that the special town meeting is scheduled for November 1st at 7:00p.m. at the Raynham Middle School.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion and a unanimous vote followed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sammi Sturtevant

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary