



MEDWAY EPFRAC COMMITTEE MEETING
Medway High School, 88 Summer Street- Classroom
February 26, 2019 -7:00 pm

Committee Attendees: Dr. Richard D’Innocenzo, Debra Rossi, Lyle Core, David Travalini (Alt-CONCOM), Michael Tudino (Parks), Kari MacLeod (Alt- Friends of Choate), Julie Harrington,

Other Attendees: Glen Trindade, Tim Williamson (Soccer), Jason Duquay (Baseball)

Absent Members: Cathy Morgan (Friends of Choate Park), David D’Amico, Mike Francis, Michael Schrader, Ellen Hillery (FinCom), David Blackwell (CONCOM)

Dr. D’Innocenzo called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting were reviewed.
Ms. Rossi motioned to approve the December 4, 2018 as presented, seconded by Mr. Travalini, all were in favor.
- 2. Discussion –Future Priorities for Parks, Fields, and Recreational Areas- Focus on Youth Sports Needs-tentative plan to bring to Board of Selectmen.**

Dr. D’Innocenzo presented a list from the last meeting as items that seemed to be the priorities.

- Lights Idylbrook-Soccer
- Middle School back, side, Charland Field
- High School back field, baseball and grass fields, reconfigure for games/practice and lights
- Additional fields
- Oakland
- Middle School softball field
- Improving current grass fields and settling issues
- Cassidy improvements to parking, cages, pavilion and storage

Ms. Rossi spoke to the VFW property, envisioning what can be done there, lots of options and lights in place. An adult sports complex was mentioned as an option or daytime youth, nighttime adults sports.

Mr. Travalini voiced his concern on the VFW, alcohol and youth sports. He is curious about the liability to the town. Mr. Trindade doesn’t think the options there should be ruled out because of the alcohol. The town has leased out the space to the VFW with 5 years remaining on a 7-year lease and the town holds the liquor license.

The VFW property has an additional 2nd parcel of 8-9 acres that was donated by Medway Country Manor and connects to the back of the VFW. Uses for that space were discussed. Ms. Harrington explained there is a Men’s league that leases the space for \$5000 a year, which doesn’t cover the cost of the electricity.

Options were discussed as possibilities for different fields. Expansion of Oakland to add another 11 v 11 field by acquiring additional land for approximately \$20,000 including legal work. Soil testing would need to be performed to comply with Ch21E (Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act) Lots of concerns were discussed as this area was a former landfill. There are a lot of sinkholes and unsettled areas on the fields as a result. Oakland has conduit for lights that was recently installed.

Mr. Travalini spoke to declining student population and the National Climate Assessment he has been reading. He would like the group to consider not clearing land for additional fields. Make due with what we currently have or

1 repair what we have and be cautious of the expense and what we are doing to the earth. Add solar panels, replant
2 trees. Do something good for the planet type discussion.

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4 Ms. Rossi, while she agrees with Mr. Travalini's thought process she feels it's very important for kids to be outside
5 playing. Whether it be organized sports, interacting and social aspects, being outside in a safe environment is very
6 important.

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8 Mr. Tudino gave a list of items of importance from his point of view.

- 9 • Lights high school, back area
- 10 • Fix the VFW to offer a playable field for softball, youth and adult
- 11 • Lower Memorial for softball
- 12 • Batting cages, practice mounds, 3rd softball field
- 13 • Lights at Oakland, square off the back to add another rectangle
- 14 • Manage all fields in town to allow some fields to rest
- 15 • Once everything is fixed up and useable, then renovate the Middle School complex.
- 16 • High School model works, use the same model for the Middle School and less is more at the VFW

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18 Mr. Trindade gave some examples of costs:

- 19 • HS Lights \$650,000
- 20 • VFW Turf \$1.5K with the lights

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22 Ms. Rossi spoke to the expense for groups to line fields vs. the turf fields that are already lined. There is a
23 significant expense that is sometimes forgotten.

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25 Mr. Core agreed with the concept of fixing multiple problems in multiple locations vs. putting in turf at the VFW.

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27 Representative from youth softball suggested fixing the suggested water leak at Memorial to allow for using more
28 space in that location.

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30 Mr. Williamson would like to see the grass fields at Idylbrook addressed to avoid injuries and adjust the drainage.
31 Wonders if lighting Idylbrook, fixing the fields and parking wouldn't solve lots of problems with space. The
32 neighbors have an issue with traffic in the Idylbrook area.

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34 Dr. D'Innocenzo believes the priorities are expanding Oakland and fix Idylbrook.

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36 Mr. Trudino thinks lighting the high school back fields will double the field space.

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38 Storage issues were discussed and some options mentioned. A multiple bay storage shed was mentioned asking if
39 groups would split the cost. The consensus was that location was an issue. Smaller metal units on slabs were an
40 option but not if they are stationary. Moveable smaller sheds seemed more appealing.

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42 Dr. D'Innocenzo mentioned that North field has plumbing for bathrooms. Funding is an issue at approximately
43 \$140,000. For now the port-a-potties are working out well.

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45 Dr. D'Innocenzo will put together some ideas from the meetings to present to the Board of Selectmen next month.
46 It was agreed if only one thing was to be done, lights at the high school on the back fields would be the best bet.

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48 ***Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Mr. Travalini seconded the motion and all were***
49 ***in favor.***

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51 Respectfully submitted by
52 Wendy Harrington, Recording Secretary