



Regular Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Park Commissioners  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
Location: Zoom Meeting  
Longmeadow, MA 01106

**Present:** Chair Rakas, Vice Chair Berke, Commissioner Horowitz, Commissioner Rintoul, Commissioner Greco and Director Jarvis

- I. Public Participation-** Brian and Lisa Zippin of 115 Tanglewood Drive asked the Board for support to name the road into the new Wolf Swamp fields complex after Longmeadow resident Max Goldberg. Max passed away recently at the young age of 21 and was an avid soccer and lacrosse player. Family and friends would like to raise and collect funds to support this request.
- II. Approval of the February Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made by Chair Rakas to accept the 2/8 meeting minutes as written and seconded Commissioner Horowitz. Individual roll call vote was taken for both and the motions were carried unanimously, without descent.
- III. Community Preservation Committee Update-** Commissioner Rintoul stated there was no update at this time.
- IV. Parks & Recreation Department Financials-** Director Jarvis shared the February department financials.
- V. New Business**
  - a. COA store-** Chair Rakas shared that the store is not slated to move with the new building which is curious since there is a study of how to use that section of the building and moving of town offices is being considered.
  - b. Longmeadow Baseball** Board member and U-14 Dave Steinberg offered an overview of the program. Formed in 1953, it is the oldest town sports program, a non-profit and 100% volunteer-run. This high quality program offers spring, summer and fall. COVID was a challenge but LBA pioneered procedures and had successful summer and fall 2020 programs. The "Get Your Rake Out" volunteer event is held annually and fosters appreciation and ownership of the town fields share with LBA. Challenges are 'pop-up' teams, field constraints and lack of cooperation between baseball groups. LBA is proud of the investments they have made to assist the town with fencing, field equipment and field maintenance.  
**Longmeadow Girls Lacrosse Association** President Zlatko Trajkowski and Board members Fred VanderHoof and Josh Rice offered an overview of this program for girl's grades 3-8. This is a travel program, no standings are recorded and no A or B teams. There are usually 3 teams at each level: bantam, junior and senior. Wolf Swamp renovations is a hardship with most games being scheduled out of Longmeadow. There is thoughtful collaboration between the girls and boys

program for field sharing. The largest fundraiser is the jamboree which is tentatively planned this year for June 12 with the exact location to be determined.

## **VI. Old Business**

- a. Wolf Swamp project:** No site work due to field weather condition, however seed mix is finalized, chain link fence and wood guardrail are approved, irrigation submission with resubmit on irrigation pump is in progress.
- b. Adult Center/COA:** Weekly reports from the project manager are sent to each Park Board member on a weekly basis.
- c. Open Space Plan:** The final plan is final and available on both the public on both the Town and Department websites.
- d. Skate Park discussion:** The group last met in August. The CPC recipient is working with procurement to determine specs for the consultant bid. Vice Chair Berke that the working group last selected (3) tentative sites with one as the overall favorite.
- e. Longmeadow Soccer update:** Chair Rakas reported the Association has submitted all meeting minutes and is working on updated by-laws.
- f. Potential 501(c)(3)-** Mr. Greco informed the Board that the process is on-going

## **VII. Announcements-** Next meeting- 4/13/21 @ 6pm via Zoom

## **VIII. Adjournment-** A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Berke and seconded by Commissioner Rintoul. Individual roll call vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously, without descent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bari B. Jarvis, Recording Secretary*