



**TOWN OF HUDSON
PARK COMMISSION**
Division of Recreation
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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 25, 2020
Via REMOTE ZOOM at 8:0pm

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Hudson Park Commission meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Hudson website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The Hudson Park Commission meeting will be held via a Zoom Meeting (Internet)
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Time: Jun 25, 2020 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

A. Mr. Chaves called the meeting to order at 8:07pm. Members present were Mr. Chaves, Mr. Bowen, and Mr. Roan. Also present: Mr. Santos, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Aponte

Mr. Chaves read a statement regarding Zoom virtual meetings and Governor Baker's statement on the Covid-19 virus & Open Meeting Law.

2. Minutes to Approve:

A. Public Session – June 10, 2020

Mr. Bowen motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Roan and carried

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

3. Citizens Issues / Special Interest Groups:

A. Mr. Korowski requesting to discuss field permitting restrictions in place due to Covid-19

Mr. Chaves stated that two voice messages were left at the recreation department by Mr. Korowski regarding current field use restrictions, requesting a direct call back to Mr. Korowski from Mr. Chaves.

Mr. Santos explained that after discussing the messages with Mr. Chaves, it was determined that it would be best to invite Mr. Korowski to join the Park Commission at a meeting where he could ask his questions and voice any of his concerns. Mr. Korowski was not present at the meeting. Mr. Chaves asked if any others in attendance wanted to speak on this issue. Both Mr. Brian Bowen and Mr. Lenox replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Brian Bowen, president of HYBS, questioned whether fields would be available on June 29th the original date of Phase 3 Reopening Massachusetts. He acknowledged that he had previously reached out to Kelli Calo of the Board of Health and as well as some of the Park Commissioners about getting on fields as soon as possible, as there were many things to do prior to starting their seasons. Mr. Brian Bowen also said that he would respect any decisions that were made by the Park Commission but if the start date were to get pushed back past July 6th, the current start date for Phase 3 it would be tough to have a season.

Mr. Rich Lenox then spoke stating they heard June 29th would be the day they would be able to resume play on fields and the perception of other activities that are allowable by the state are far more risky than having kids play out on a field. He relayed to the group that he has heard frustration from parents that the kids are not allowed out on the fields yet.

Mr. Santos stated that he does not think any changes should be made to the Park Commission's decision of reopening permitted field use at the start of phase three. Mr. Santos then went on to share information on what some of the surrounding towns are doing related to permitted use. For example, "Stow is not currently permitting field use, Southborough will start July 6th, Marlborough will start issuing permits in Phase 3 as well as a mix of reopening stages for other towns around us." Mr. Santos stated he supports the previous decision the Park Commission made and that July 6th is only just over one week away. He also mentioned that in the future everyone, including Hudson Demo teams, have to fill out field use forms prior to using any facilities.

Mr. Hannon then spoke and brought up that back in May there was a decision made about opening fields to Hudson residents only. At that meeting it was announced that "Ms. Calo said that she was ok with fields being open to Hudson residents only." Mr. Hannon asked for clarification if only Hudson residents were able to play in town, against other Hudson residents or if other towns were able to come and play against Hudson residents. He stated if Hudson is not allowed to play against other towns then many HYBS divisions will not be able to support enough teams to have a season. Mr. Santos answered by saying that he felt the restrictions should apply only to out of state teams coming in to play in Hudson but other towns from Massachusetts should not be restricted.

Mr. Rob Bowen stated he believes the park commission should keep with their original decision allowing permitted field use beginning on July 6th, the most current start date of Phase 3, but asked that it not be pushed back any further. He also stated that he would support the idea of restricting out of state teams from coming to play in town.

Mr. Roan stated that he agreed with allowing permitted use effective July 6, 2020.

Mr. Brian Bowen then questioned, "If the state pushes back the start of phase 3 again past the July 6th date, would the organizations have to wait until that new date to begin or are they allowed out on fields starting July 6th no matter what happens?"

Mr. Santos replied mentioning that if the state is pushing back the start of Phase 3 there must be a reason and we may need to have to have a conversation with the board of health for guidance, should that take place.

Mr. Rob Bowen believed we should stick with the July 6th date and then if something drastic happens pushing the start date of Phase 3 out further and the Board of Health recommends pushing back permitted field use, we have to respect their decision to do so.

Mr. Chaves stated that he agreed with HYBS being able to play teams from out of town; that he too would want to restrict out of state teams; and that the Park Commission as a whole supports getting teams to get back on the fields.

Mr. Bowen motioned to allow permitted field use to our main local user groups, as listed at the June 10th meeting, allowing them to play out of town teams but no out of state teams, starting as early as July 6, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

4. Personnel:

A. None

5. Director's Report:

A. Mr. Santos informed the Park Commission that he was working with the Conservation Agent on having an appraisal completed on a portion of the Hudson-Concord Elks property, for which they were interested in selling it to the town.

B. Mr. Santos reviewed the Centennial Beach Renovation project timeline as listed below:

-July 1st – Pre-bid Contractor Site Visit

-July 16th – Contractor Bids are Due

-End of July 27th – Contractor is selected and then goes to Board of Selectmen at their next available meeting for authorization

Additionally during July...

-Tree Work will be completed (removals but not stumping – the general contractor will coordinate that)

-Most likely add a new water line from Fort Meadow down into site.

Once contractor comes on board, the goal is to have the majority of the work done prior to winter setting in. Expectation is to have buildings installed prior to Thanksgiving. Anticipate the contractor needing 14 weeks to complete the majority of the work.

6. New Business:

A. None

7. Old Business:

A. Summer 2020 Program and Operations Outlook in response to COVID-19

Mr. Santos said the staff did not have any updates at this time.

8. Communications and/or Correspondence to be noted by Commissioners:

A. None

9. Announcements/Adjournment

Mr. Santos announced that Town Elections were slated for the following Monday, June 29, 2020.

Mr. Bowen motioned to adjourn at 8:58pm, seconded by Mr. Chaves and carried...

Vote: 3 – 0, in favor

Motion to Approve:	Mr. Chaves
Second:	Mr. Bowen
Vote:	3 – 0, in favor
Date:	July 16, 2020