



**Town of Leicester**  
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Minutes of Meeting  
February 17, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat McKay, Lucky Margadonna, Nancy Ortiz, Jess Margadonna and Bob Pingeton. Joanne Bernier and Sue Sears

GUESTS: Kristen Forsberg Assistant, Harry Brooks, Donna McCance, Herb Duggan, Michael Novia, Dianna Casavecchia, Ethan White-Leicester Soccer Club Rep., Dawn Marttila, and David Genereux

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

MINUTES:

MOTION: Pat McKay moved to accept the meeting minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting.

SECOND: Lucky Margadonna

VOTE: All in favor

BUDGET:

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of contract with Becker College concerning the Rochdale Park agreement. Becker College will be attending the Select Board meeting on Monday 2/22/21. David Genereux spoke with Becker and provided an update to the board. This will be discussed with the Board of Selectmen. Becker College would like to continue this lease. A new lease would be the responsibility of the Highway Dept. and the Town Administrator's office to ensure that the proper work is completed on an annual basis. The Board of Selectman accept, and vote with the Parks and Rec recommendations.

Michael Novia announced Double Play is the official junior Woo Sox.

Dianna Casavecchia is looking to use the gym in the town hall for basketball 1-2 nights a week. Possibly Friday nights. 10 children (ages 9, 10, and 11) and 2 coaches would be using this space. Team put together through MPM Sports on Stafford St. Worcester. Parents are allowed to be in attendance, but do not need to be. David Genereux said he would look into it and provide an update to the board. He will discuss this with the Board of Health. They would like to begin at the beginning of March. David will get back to her and let the board know.

Ethan White led a discussion concerning Community Field. Cost of the field use was \$500/season. He would like to use the field for the spring season. Games are scheduled to start the week after Easter (April 11) he would like to use the field 2 weeks before this date. They would be willing to prep the field, line it and prepare the goals, etc. Evenings each day of the week for practice. Games on weekends. Would be willing to share with another club if necessary.

U-10 through U-17 would be the teams using the field. There was a discussion regarding port-o-lets. There were none available in the fall. Ethan will look into all of this and get back to the board. Field use and an update will be put on the March agenda.

Towtaid Park Grant update was given. David Genereux stated one of the grants (Shared Winter Streets-(\$134,101) to expand the ADA compliant sidewalk network connecting Towtaid Park to its surrounding neighborhood will require all the work be done by the end of May according to the grant. Park Grant is approximately \$67,000 to renovate the basketball and pickleball courts at Towtaid Park and replace the fencing around the courts, and replace existing parking lot with ADA compliant lot, Kaboom was approximately \$40,000 and that was all for Towtaid. An article will be placed on town meeting agenda to discuss using marijuana revenue \$25,000-40,000 (depending on the revenue.)

#### BOARD REPORTS:

Nancy Ortiz: Towtaid Park update: Grant discussed. Construction will begin 2022. Discussed a patch repair kit for the cracks in the interior handball court. She would be willing to do this repair.

Lucky: Discussed the light fees for Rochdale. The Highway Department assistant Maureen looked into the charges from National Grid. The bill reflects an actual meter reading.

Joanne: Will reach out to Steve and find out if he is interested in holding a tennis program should it be allowed. She will inform the board at the next meeting.

Sue: Discussed field fees. She made a comparison chart of information she gathered concerning field use and fees. Discussed light fees. Some towns charge for profit organizations more money. The biggest difference was the light fee. Sue shared and discussed findings of field space fees from a few neighboring locations as compared to the Town of Leicester.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of purchasing software that would enable the town to schedule field use and games. Maybe it could be purchased for the town. David Genereux will look into this via School Dude.

Next meeting will be held on March 10, 2021 at 6:30pm

MOTION: Pat McKay moved to adjourn meeting at 8:03 pm

SECOND: Lucky Margadonna

VOTE: All in favor