

**TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 7th, 2020, 7:00PM
via Zoom**

Present: Gary Mullen, Mike McPhetres, John O'Brien, Jillian Conner, Kathy Galluzzo, Emily Howe, Brenda Field

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Recreation Department COVID-19 Protocol

Waiver

Kathy Galluzzo, of the Recreation Commission, begins by explaining the waiver that all softball teams and guests of those teams that utilize the Recreation Field will be required to sign if they want to use the field. It releases the Town of any liability should anyone on the visiting team or associated with the visiting team contract COVID-19. The waiver has language that's very similar to the surrounding towns' language. She added that there aren't many spectators attending.

The waivers will also be helpful for potential contact tracing. O'Brien asked if the teams that play at the Tunbridge field are all local and Kathy responded yes. There aren't any teams from more than 30 miles away or so. All surrounding fields, in Sharon, Chelsea and Bethel, are required waivers to be signed also.

General Field Guidelines

Brenda Field, EMD, has a couple concerns. She wants to clarify that each person who isn't actively playing the game, should be wearing a mask. Galluzzo responded that the Governor just announced that required people to wear masks in public in the state. Brenda feels the language in the guidelines should say "masks required" even if it can't be legally enforced.

Field also mentioned that if alcohol is being consumed at the Recreation Field, which is town property, can make people toss wearing masks or social distancing out the window.

Mullen suggested trying these waivers and the written guidance out for the first time this weekend and seeing how it goes. Galluzzo added that Janet Zug is making signs to hang at the field about COVID-19 symptoms and suggestions on how to slow the spread of the virus.

The Cook Shack will also be changing their protocol by wiping things down often, handing out single serving condiments and marking 6ft spacing for people waiting in line.

McPhetres agreed with Mullen to let the commission go ahead and give this first tournament weekend go ahead and evaluate afterwards. Mullen says he's still apprehensive that protocol won't be followed, and that folks driving past to the transfer station will be critical of what's happening at the field, but is willing to give it a shot.

O'Brien asked Galluzzo about the game of softball itself and if any adjustments are being made to the rules of the game for COVID precaution. Discussion ensued about the number of games being held per week, which will be at least two. O'Brien then asked if the Cook Shack protocol was suggested by anyone. Galluzzo asked the owner of Sandy's in Sharon what their protocol is and based the Cook Shack's own protocol off of that.

O'Brien invited Galluzzo to the next regular Selectboard meeting on 7/14 at 6pm, she agreed.

All three Selectboard members are okay with the tournaments happening this weekend and will plan to reconvene and discuss how it went next week.

Field implored the Board to check into their liability pertaining to alcohol consumption on town property.

O'Brien motioned to adjourn at 8:00pm. McPhetres seconded. All in favor. So moved.

Gary Mullen

Michael McPhetres

John O'Brien