

Park and Recreation Commission	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Date: June 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

**Place: Brookline Town Hall, Room 111**

**Commissioners Attending:** John Bain, Nancy O’Connor, Clara Batchelor, Daniel Lyons, Jim Carroll, Antonia Bellalta, Jean Stameris

**Commissioners Absent:** n/a

**Staff:** Erin Gallentine, Parks and Open Space Director, Lisa Paradis, Recreation Director, Jessica White, Parks and Open Space Assistant.

TOPIC	KEY POINTS/DISCUSSION	
<b>Chairman’s Welcome Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Bain opened the meeting and asked for any edits or corrections to the minutes.</li> </ul>	D. Lyons moved to approve the May 10, 2016 Park and Recreation Commission Minutes. Seconded by N. O’Connor. All in favor.
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Public Comment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Putterham Golf Course/Driving Range Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>L. Paradis updated the Commission on the driving range construction at the golf course. The project is nearly complete. The last time she presented the Commission with an update the photos that were shown were of rough construction. At that time she informed everyone that we were slated to have a complete finalized date by June 1<sup>st</sup> and that has been accomplished. They are in a waiting stage while the grass is getting established.</li> <li>The Commission was shown pictures of the work done to date at the golf course.</li> <li>L. Paradis and E. Gallentine discussed the irrigation.</li> <li>They will be using turf hound synthetic turf surfacing at the tee boxes. She explained where the tee boxes will be going. The tee boxes are five feet nine inches wide by four feet nine inches deep, and there are 24 Tee boxes all together. She stated that they are one foot wider than other golf courses around.</li> <li>The netting is up.</li> <li>The current look from the circle at the golf course was shown. The Commission discussed the work that will be done at the</li> </ul>	

	<p>circle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first tee and back tee area were shown. The back tee is not open yet. There are around 60 phone calls a day wondering when the course will be open.</li> <li>• The first tee and forward tee were shown.</li> <li>• The Commission will be taking a site walk of the golf course in July.</li> <li>• An example of the type of automated ball machine that is going in at the golf course was shown. It is on order and it will be placed outside the pro shop. It will take cash and credit cards and it will automatically update into the golf course software. This location will allow people to peruse the merchandise at the Pro Shop. Medium and Large ball buckets will be sold.</li> <li>• An idea of what will be used for a golf cart and picker were shown.</li> <li>• The grand opening celebration is set tentatively Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -4 pm. However, the driving range will be open before then.</li> <li>• N. O'Connor and L. Paradis discussed how the picker works.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine and L. Paradis discussed the potential hours.</li> <li>• The only question is that we open late on Monday for maintenance and they may hold true for the driving range as well.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine and L. Paradis discussed the staffing for the driving range.</li> <li>• The food and beverage cart will be up there, it will be incorporated into the regular concession route.</li> <li>• It will be handicap accessible</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Cost Recovery Model Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Paradis stated that over the last 6-9 months she has been working with her staff to update the cost recovery model that was first created 6 years ago. She stated that they did not change anything drastically, but rather took a thoughtful look at how they currently group service categories and how they look within the business model/cost recovery. A lot of them are the same but she can tell you that within the</li> </ul>	

	<p>license programs those are 82-100% cost recovery and that is an increase. The licensed programs were listed and they do make up 80 percent of the revenue each year. That is something she spoke to length about at both Advisory and Administration. She stated that we are exceeding our cost recovery scale on all of those programs, making it hard to increase fees. It's difficult to make more revenue from these services because of this. She stated that we need to be thoughtful on how we move forward with fee structuring on all those programs. She stated that we are constantly analyzing mission and market, and wanted the Commission to be aware of where we are at in these programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the next meeting she will detail each one and know where all the actual fees are set. The whole point is to articulate the tax subsidy, so we have done this across the board and this lets people know how their tax dollars are being used.</li> <li>• The expenses associated with the rentals were discussed.</li> <li>• Direct and indirect costs were discussed.</li> <li>• Every community's cost recovery varies.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Recreation Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer camp is opening June 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a full week of training ahead of time.</li> <li>• The training and staff for the summer camps were discussed.</li> <li>• The lists of the summer camp and their locations were detailed.</li> <li>• There was a great street hockey tournament fundraiser that took place in June at Eliot sponsored by Brookline Youth Hockey. There were 100 plus kids playing there. It was well attended and well supported.</li> <li>• L. Paradis discussed the Inclusion Training that is done with the staff. It is presented by the in house recreation therapist and a contractor.</li> <li>• SOMA was a great success at track and field and aquatics as well.</li> <li>• Recreation has an intern from Springfield. He is great and brings a fresh perspective.</li> <li>• Adaptive Soccer is underway and taking place</li> </ul>	

	<p>at the Soule Gym.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first phase of the renovation at the pool will start in august. That will be the repointing work under the pools and some plumbing and tiles work. The locker rooms cannot be done at this time, and will be bid in the winter for completion from mid-march thru June. They couldn't meet the deadline this year and we are pushing back a year. The rest of the shutdown will be done over the summer and the structural components can be done without shutting down.</li> <li>• L. Paradis discussed the work that was done during the mini shut down.</li> <li>• Friday, June 7th: Last Day of the Soule and afterschool school year programs</li> <li>• Saturday, June 18th: Tee off at the library</li> <li>• Tuesday, June 21st: International Day of Yoga@ Cypress Field 7pm-8:30pm.</li> <li>• June 22nd-June 24th: Summer Camp Staff Trainings &amp; Open Houses.</li> <li>• Monday, June 27th: Summer Camp opens for the season.</li> <li>• Wednesday, July 6th: Summer concert series start! ( 5 at Emerson and 1 at Waldstein).</li> <li>• N. O'Connor and L. Paradis discussed the field trip to pond.</li> <li>• J. Bain and L. Paradis discussed Brookline Day. The transportation was discussed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Vote on Fisher Hill Grand Opening &amp; Permit Approval Including Amplified Music, Food, Sale of Wine and Beer and Evening Movie</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E. Gallentine stated that we are holding the Fisher Hill grand opening event Friday, July 22nd, from 6pm-10 pm., from 6-8:30 there will be a community picnic with food trucks, music, activities, wine and beer for sale. She has reached out to Hive, a company that sells wine and beer and were a vendor at the Brookline Art Community Festival at the Devotion School. She has spoken with Town Counsel and the Chief of Police to get the application moving for Hive to sell beer and wine. There will be a movie following the community picnic. She wanted the Commission's approval and will want the full Commission's help on the day of the event.</li> <li>• A. Bellalta wanted to recognize the years of</li> </ul>	<p>The Chair moves to approve the Fisher Hill grand opening and permit approval that includes Amplified Music, Food, Sale of Wine and Beer and Evening Movie Seconded by J. Carroll . All in favor.</p>

	<p>effort that have gone into this work at Fisher Hill.</p>	
<p><b>Appoint Lawton Playground Community Garden Design Review</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Batchelor discussed the kick off meeting. There was a lot of support from the community, there was one concern with Devotion closing and losing that open space. N. O’Connor suggested a design Review Process for this community garden proposal since we are repurposing a space within a park.</li> <li>• The Park and Recreation Commission went through the applications that were submitted to apply to serve on the Lawton Playground Garden Design Review Committee.</li> <li>• In addition to the members from the public, J. Bain appointed himself, C. Batchelor, D. Lyons and J. Stameris to serve on the Lawton Playground Community Garden Design Review.</li> </ul>	<p>N. O’Connor moved to appoint the Emerson Garden Design Review Committee Members. Seconded by C. Batchelor. All in favor.</p>
<p><b>Park and Open Space Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Emerald Necklace Bike/Ped Crossing project is underway. It is moving along and within budget. E. Gallentine stated that a state grant application was submitted for LED street lighting.</li> <li>• The River Road Development District/Hotel Development/Zoning Project was discussed.</li> <li>• Brookline Avenue Playground is looking to start construction spring 2017. E. Gallentine went through improvements that will be made. There is a need for new irrigation. It is in a floodplain, and they received the permit from the Conservation Commission for construction. She is continuing to work on opportunities for donors. The add alternates were discussed.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine is working with Project Engineer William Smith on the restoration of the Minot Rose Garden Trellis.</li> <li>• Spring Tree Planting is underway with a projected spring planting of about 300 street trees.</li> <li>• Replacement trees/ new plantings at Fisher Hill Reservoir was discussed</li> <li>• Phase one of the master planting plan at Griggs Park is underway.</li> <li>• The Forestry Crew within the Division has acquired a new Aerial Lift Bucket Truck. The truck is replacing the last one that caught on</li> </ul>	

	<p>fire. It is a three year lease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Dukakis Dedication project is moving along. The language and donors are all set and the shop drawings have been approved for the plinths. The granite suppliers have been hired and they are making it to our specifications. That will go in the summer and afterwards we will proceed with the planting plan.</li><li>• The Parks Division received a grant for sunscreen dispensers; they will be placed throughout various parks around town. This is a pilot program.</li><li>• E. Gallentine discussed what is left to be done at Fisher Hill Reservoir Park.</li><li>• The Corey Hill Design Review 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2016.</li><li>• The Emerson Garden Design Review Process is underway, the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is scheduled for Sept 6, 2016.</li><li>• E. Gallentine stated that at Waldstein playground we have installed additional benches along the basketball court, sodding will take place next week, additional picnic tables have been installed and bike racks have been placed. Refurbishment of fencing in this area was discussed.</li><li>• The Storage Shed Electrical Upgrade - Batting Cage &amp; Storage Shed at Eliot update was given</li><li>• Brookline Reservoir Gatehouse Roof Design Development is underway. E. Gallentine added that the Town has submitted a proposal to the Office of Dam Safety regarding a 3 year plan to minimize tree removal in the berm. They have not responded to that proposal. We will commence the design Review process in the upcoming year.</li><li>• Halls Pond had a great 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event on Sunday and E. Gallentine is working with them on a master plan planting plan for the sanctuary.</li><li>• E. Gallentine stated that the Division will soon commence the renovation of Hickey Triangle.</li><li>• The Putterham Library Reading Garden Inclusion project will provide a significantly improved garden space for library patron and the neighborhood, accessible entrances from</li></ul>	
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	<p>the rear and front of the library and new programming opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wayfinding/Interpretive Signage Project is underway. The contractor is onboard and we have approved the shop drawings. This signage is for Skyline, Lost Pond, Dane Park and D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary.</li> <li>• The John and Green Street Project was discussed.</li> <li>• A Larz Anderson Park update was given. The temporary art exhibit is up, Structures North has completed a conditions assessment of the architectural elements, aerial photography will be taken and there is carpentry work being done at the rink at Larz Anderson. The roadwork design being done by KMDG was discussed.</li> <li>• There is a request for a Little Library at Murphy Playground. There was no opposition from the Commission.</li> <li>• The Park Maintenance Management program was discussed. There is a lot of trash around town, we are picking up trash 7 days a week and have over 300 barrels placed around town. She stated that we recognize the influx of trash and we are trying to get a handle on it.</li> <li>• Celebration of Larz Anderson Park will take place on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Auto Museum with guest author Skip Moskey (Larz and Isabel Anderson: Wealth and Celebrity in the Gilded Age). It will be free but registration is limited. E. Gallentine will try to set up special tour of the grounds with Skip Moskey for the fall upon a return trip.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Discussion/Vote Concerning Extended Hours for the Pilot Program at the Pierce Basketball Courts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Bain wanted to thank Matt Paluszek for bringing this interest and need for evening recreational activities in the parks to the attention of the Commission. The Commission unanimously has approved the pilot program with extended hours and tonight we will be discussing the times for those lights to be turned on and off. The current lighting will be enhanced and E. Gallentine can speak to that. J. Bain is hoping for a successful program.</li> <li>• E. Gallentine stated that she was asked by the</li> </ul>	<p>C. Batchelor, A. Bellata N. O'Connor and J. Stameris voted to approve an 8:30 pm time for the extended hours for the pilot program at the Pierce Basketball Courts. J. Bain, D. Lyons and J. Carroll voted to support a</p>

	<p>Commission to take took a look at existing lights that are in place and see how we can enhance recreational use court lighting and minimize the excess lighting/light pollution. She has been working with the Lighting Division of Highway and Sanitation and also with our Electrical Inspector in the Building Department and a Project Manager/Architect in the Engineering Division and Electrical Engineer from Stantect to look at the existing lighting and options for enhanced light. The goal is to look at LED Lighting to replace current lighting that is onsite and also install a flood light.</p> <p><b>Minimize Light Spill -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full Cutoff Lighting</li><li>• Back Side Light Shield</li></ul> <p><b>Pilot Lighting System -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reuse the existing wood poles.</li><li>• 1 high output luminaire will be put on the west side pole.</li><li>• 1 high output luminaire will be on the east side pole and 1 lower output luminaire that operates all night for security.</li><li>• Proposed wrap around bracket that would be mounted to the existing wood poles. A wrap around bracket would be used on the path side; with a high output light and a lower output security luminaire.</li></ul> <p><b>Increased illuminance level for standard recreational basketball court: There will be a vast improvement on the level of lighting. The electrical engineer took some readings on the courts.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lighting Level - Recreational, non-competitive play. (10 Foot-candle Average)</li><li>• Light level is suitable for the short court for recreational youth play - half the standard competitive levels.</li><li>• Provided to minimize impact to abutting residents.</li></ul> <p><b>LIGHTING CONTROLS</b></p> <p><b>What can be done to Reduce Waste Light:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lights off during the daytime hours with photocell control, which means they automatically come on.</li><li>• The lights will be off at park closing time with</li></ul>	<p>lights of time of 9pm. The time will be 8:30pm for the extended hours for the pilot program at the Pierce Basketball Courts.</p>
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	<p>a time clock control. This will coincide with whatever the Commission decides for a set time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lights off during periods of non-use with on-demand lighting.</li><li>• These lights can be activated. We are looking at a Push button for 30 minutes of lighting or Occupancy (Motion) Sensor Controlled Lighting. These lights will not be on all the time. The consultant thinks the best idea for this application is to use the Occupancy (Motion) Sensor Controlled Lighting. E. Gallentine stated that we are working on this and hope to have ready for the fall.</li><li>• Matt Puluszek addressed the Commission. He asked if the pole currently in the corner with no fixtures will remain with no fixtures. E. Gallentine stated that she asked the Electrical Engineer about adding a luminaire there. He felt we would get sufficient light with his proposal and did not recommend it. M. Puluszek stated that assumes that the expert is knowledgeable, but wanted to point out that it is the darkest corner.</li><li>• J. Bain stated that everyone is allowed to speak and the commission recognizes and respects everyone's opinion.</li><li>• J. Bain asked if M. Paluszek wanted to comment on the proposal.</li><li>• M. Paluszek addressed the Commission. He stated that this proposal responded to half of what he was going to advocate for regarding the LED Lights. He was hoping that the Town would commit to using LED lights and now he doesn't have to do that. He wanted to share photos of successful models in the neighboring communities where they have the LED lights on late night. They are on until 10 O'clock at night, there have been no issues. The second half of his remarks are to encourage the Commission to commit to have a pilot program that works with hours just like what they have done successfully in these neighboring communities. He was thinking 10 O'clock for summer months, 9 O'clock for fall months and here could be allowance for long stretches in the winter</li></ul>	
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	<p>month for pilot programs hours. He would hope that the Commission will consider the type of scheme that would represent a full pilot program test, that is in synch with and that seems to be working in communities nearby.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. Bain stated that E. Gallentine has done great job researching and describing the LED Light Conversion on the courts. This is a good test and if things are not right we can always makes changes down the road.</li><li>• Arthur Conquest addressed the Commission. He asked the Commission if they could give him an idea of a time frame for the experimental period. He asked at what point do we say we evaluated the program, we think it is successful and we would like to make it something permanent. J. Bain would like to see the program run at least 3 seasons of activity. The Commission was thinking at least a year.</li><li>• N. O'Connor stated that one of the things we were hoping to gather tonight was a feeling on a time, but she thinks it would also be helpful to figure out what constitutes success. She stated that if we can all agree on what constitutes success is and that is key on both sides of the argument, if we come up with that tonight we can hit the ground running in the fall. She thinks we need to figure out what constitutes failure and success.</li><li>• J. Bain stated as the program progresses we may want to tweak any issues for the users, neighbors and town. He stated that we want this to work and believes that it is an important issue to have activity for our teenagers in the early evening. However, this is a unique area, the properties are close and we need to be respectful.</li><li>• Robert Schleipman addressed the Commission. He lives adjacent to the park and his family is perfectly ok with night basketball. However, he does not think 10 o'clock is early evening and he believes this will not work with the houses directly abutting the property. He wanted to thank the Commission for all the work they have done so far. He would say 5 nights out of 7 people are out at late night hours playing all</li></ul>	
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	<p>sports and its worse in the summer. He feels that one or two people staying out late isn't a big deal, but when you have formal programs with people making noise all night he feels he should not have to live with that. He stated that we are not against night basketball, but please have a reasonable time for this. He stated that it is very difficult for us to live with that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jason Richman addressed the Commission. He stated that we need to define failure and success. He stated that we need to keep track of how many police interactions will constitute failure and stick to it. There was a protest on the court on Friday. He discussed the protest that took place on Friday night. He is extremely concerned with the profanity written in chalk on the ground and broken glass left behind. His wife was very upset after this protest and feels like she wants to move out of Brookline. He stated that there are 4 owner occupied abutters of the court and all 4 abutters are adamantly against this. He loves basketball, but not in this location until ten o'clock. He feels that the immediate abutters should have more influence. He is adamant on an 8pm closure of the lights at all times of the year.</li><li>• Nanny O'Connor stated that she is not for basketball in this tiny space, but hearing folks speak to have additional space outdoors would be great. However, with this space she is hanging on the 8 o'clock personally, she thinks that is late enough. In terms of being able to have a life right there, she feels that 8 o'clock is enough.</li><li>• A woman addressed the Commission. She is upset to hear what happened after the basketball rally and is very upset for Jason's wife. She was one of the people who set up the event and broke the event down. She stated that they didn't have glass, but rather plastic water bottles. She stated that they left it impeccable. On the record that was not us.</li><li>• Matt Paluszek stated that they used chalk and wrote directions in case there were any police interactions to keep it peaceful.</li><li>• Adriana Schleipman addressed the</li></ul>	
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	<p>Commission. She stated there was some stuff left over; there was trash the next day and signs all over the place. There were directions if the police came and there was inappropriate language written with chalk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barbara Tynan addressed the Commission. She is torn between the need for outdoor space and understanding the abutter's issue. Her thought is to find a compromise. It is a pilot program and you can tweak as it goes on. She thinks 8 o'clock is too early for the players and 9 o'clock is too late for the abutters. Her suggestion is maybe we can comprise on both sides, and give the kids the opportunity for late night play. She was not at the Friday night issue, but she cannot believe that they were responsible for the trash and profanity written in chalk. Her thought is compromise is always the best tool and feels that with the times there has to be a middle road.</li><li>• Neil Gordon addressed the Commission. He supports this project, but he has no data as to what the right light out time is and he feels that neither does the Commission have the right data to what the time is to shut down the lights. He feels that this can be made to work for a year, a year is a long time to collect data and you can tweak an appropriate schedule if necessary. You will know if it works or if it's a disaster right away. You will find an equilibrium that will work for everyone in the community. You can spend endless hours until we actually do it test it and collect real data. If it works give it another 15 minutes, if not roll it back. He stated that as collected the weekday, weekend seasonal time can all be different provided it is posted and people know what the rules are. J. Bain stated that we need to turn on the lights and see how long we can keep them on for.</li><li>• Bill Ewall addressed the Commission. He stated that he was up there Friday night and stated that it was a great family event, kids were playing and parents were talking. He was part of some of the clean-up. He thinks the safety lighting is too bright. That is security</li></ul>	
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	<p>light and we should be giving abutters' relief from that. He is stating that it is not sports lighting it is high security lighting. If he lived there he would if we would think about that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christina Yee addressed the Commission. She is in the condo building, one of points she wanted to bring up is the effect of the court spill over to the neighboring area. We do have young people coming out from the court going back and forth between Walgreens, using that as a place to hang out for hours and they are sometimes not so amenable to leaving. She stated that they also see a fair amount of trash back and forth there. We wanted to make everyone aware that the effects extend beyond it. She wants to see a have a place for the kids to go in the early evening but not extending the time to far out.</li><li>• N. O'Connor read excerpts from pieces of testimony that were submitted through email to the Commission. She wanted to point out some of the main concerns such as "Pierce courts are in close proximity to peoples home , we don't mind having lights on if they go off at a decent time that works for everyone", "the courts are located feet away from where children sleep", "we need a clear definition of failure and success", "turn lights off and one the same time every night not changing the times", "Turning off at 8 is a good time" and "Noise from courts is audible inside my home with the windows closed". She wanted to say these things, because if we know these events are going on now, we are looking for success and these are things we need to consider</li><li>• J. Carroll stated that in his experience on the Commission when you try to institute a new program, it is always difficult from the perspective of people that are advocates for a program and people who want the status quo. For example, the Green Dog Program, there was a time where there was a huge problem within that parks with dogs running off leash all the time and dog mess often left behind, so we tried to institute a program. It was really organized and monitored by staff, police and</li></ul>	
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	<p>volunteers. It was a difficult transition, we were talking about it for years, it morphed and works now quite well. It is a give and take and it's a process. He stated that generally speaking it seems to have worked out when we try a program like this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. Bain stated that a few years passed we had four basketball courts at Devotion, and there was a tremendous amount of complaints about noise and music. We had an onsite meeting there and it turned out that people were policing themselves. They were on each other for language, picking up litter and all these complaints like J. Carroll was saying softened and we don't get complaint anymore. The players themselves knew that if it continued the Town would take the hoops down. It turned things around and they did a good job down there.</li><li>• Kyle Davis addressed the Commission. He thinks as students and kids it all depends on stereo typing the kids. In the month of May we did a 3 week test, from 9-10 pm playing basketball and we never got anyone coming out saying we were too loud. He thinks if we can get it on a decent noise level we will be ok, and he thinks it depends on the kids who are playing there. He thinks if you can get the police involved and be mindful of the noise it can be a success.</li><li>• A resident addressed the Commission. He was so big on the safety and feels that it will work great at Pierce, with the Police being right there. He thinks if the noise gets out of hand and you have the court getting monitored it will settle down and he doesn't think we will have a noise issue if we keep this experiment going. It all depends on those who are playing. He and his friends play and know they need to be respectful to the neighbors. He apologizes about what happened the Friday night at Pierce, about people being upset for a few things that happened. He wanted this program to have positive influence for youth and adults. J Bain wanted to stress that the ball bouncing creates noise. He wants this to be a positive</li></ul>	
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	<p>thing for the youth and adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An abutter addressed the Commission. He wants to know how we are actually going to police it. D. Lyons stated that once the lights are installed, those lights can't go on after the time we set, that alone will police itself on its own. The other consideration is when you leave the court taking it some place where you are not in close proximity with children sleeping. He stated that the users will be in charge of policing.</li><li>• Anne Weaver addressed the Commission. She is in support of this pilot program. It sounds to her like it could be a win win situation here. She is hearing a lot of complaints from the abutters about stuff going on that they have already been living with, when it gets really bad they call the police and that some of that might be alleviated by having a more restricted time and with people knowing it will be monitored. It is worth trying and it sound like that in neighboring communities it has worked out. She is a dog owner and we do have dog police who come by and ask for your license.</li><li>• N. O'Connor stated that we have committed to the program and it's also about setting a time. She stated that she would like to get a group together that include a couple of neighbors, Commission members and M. Paluszek and figure out what constitutes success and failure for this program and where it goes from there. She wants to have the Brookline Police Department support and input.</li><li>• Matt Palusazek would love to participate in a group, but he thinks maybe broadening the group to not only define what makes success and failure, but what kind of programming we can put institute while the pilot is starting. He thinks it will more likely be a success. For example, the Walk and Talk program with the police, involving the Youth Park Ranger and we can engage the Teen Center. He thinks the group can work on programming as well as what can define success/failure.</li><li>• A resident stated that he doesn't think it will be a good trial with those big lights on.</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• E. Gallentine stated that after the court lighting goes off, what will remain on is safety pathway lighting and lighting onto the field.</li><li>• Matt Paluszek wanted to make one last appeal about hours. He stated the pictures he has passed out earlier are meant to be some examples of neighboring communities where the later hour is working successfully and there are abutting neighbors in densely populated areas. He understands the concerns, but during the summer months the median time when dusk occurs is 8:30pm and so the lights will never go on if you decide on an 8 o'clock turn off.</li><li>• Antonia Bellalta stated that people's schedules don't change accordingly to daylight savings. The concern is that you are giving abutters the right to have peaceful time at night time.</li><li>• M. Paluszek stated that you are not having a pilot program in the summer if the sun goes down and the lights never have a chance to go on.</li><li>• C. Batchelor would like to say that in regards to the Green Dog Program we tried for a long time and there are kids in here for a year trying to get a skate park and very time an abutter objected we listened to the abutter. She stated that if you buy property and you try to stop activity legally going on there but when you present a new activity that affects abutters, we do listen to abutters and they carry a lot of weight. She is every hesitant to have late hours. She would consider somewhere between 8 and 9. She is concerned and feels that we need to treat abutters as we have in other proposals.</li><li>• J. Carroll thinks 9 pm is a great compromise. He stated that M. Paluszek has a point that the peak time in summer is 8:30 and you will get an extra half hour. He would propose to run to 9 o'clock and if it has to be changed at some point we can then talk about that.</li><li>• Jean Stameris stated that if we start in the fall it will be getting dark earlier she thinks 8 o'clock will be a good time. She is wondering if we could consider how it is going and once</li></ul>	
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	<p>spring time comes and it seems that everyone is being respectful of the rules, maybe we can then think about extending the hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antonia Bellalta agrees with Jean Stameris. She agrees that 8 o'clock is a good time, it is not just about the lighting but what happens after the lights go out.</li><li>• J. Bain likes 9 o'clock especially in the summer months. He stated that we need feedback from the abutters. He does not see 10 o'clock at all and if 9 o'clock turns out to be bad for the neighborhood, he reserves the right to go down to 8:30pm.</li><li>• N. O'Connor stated that the abutters have a heavy weigh in and all the letters that have come in from the abutters are for 8 o'clock. She stated that in her opinion 8 o'clock is the witching hour. She can appreciate that fact that it's light out till 9:00 in the height of the summer months and in terms of success what she suspects is that we would leave those months out of the mix. It is a pilot program we can pull the plug on the lights at any time and we can make changes if it's a bust. If something comes up and is not being successful we could stop it if we have to.</li><li>• Jim Carroll stated that it is a pilot program and that if anything happens it can change the situation. He is on board with a 9 o'clock pilot program and to see how it works out. He thinks it is worth trying out 9 o'clock, and if it doesn't work out then we are always here and available to get feedback and we can immediately meet on this again and make changes to it</li><li>• E. Gallentine stated that we could revisit this in December, however N. O'Connor will be setting up a small working group to define success and we can leave it up to them to decide on check in points.</li><li>• J. Bain, D. Lyons and J. Carroll voted to support a lights out time of 9 o'clock pm., C. Batchelor and A. Bellalta support 8:30 p.m. and N. O'Connor and J. Stameris support 8 o'clock . C. Batchelor suggested a revote to be taken if anyone wanted to change their minds. J.</li></ul>	
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	<p>Stameris, A. Bellalta would change their vote and N. O'Connor was adamant on 8 pm but will change her vote to 8:30 pm to improve the situation for the abutters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C. Batchelor, A. Bellata N. O'Connor and J. Stameris voted to approve an 8:30 pm time for the extended hours for the pilot program at the Pierce Basketball Courts. J. Bain, D. Lyons and J. Carroll voted to support a lights of time of 9pm. The time will be 8:30pm for the extended hours for the pilot program at the Pierce Basketball Courts.</li> <li>• Matt Paluszek wanted to make note that the Comission discussed that that the lights would be on till 8:30 throughout the winter months.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No New Business</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Carroll moved to adjourn. Seconded by D. Lyons. All in favor</li> </ul>	r.

**Next Meeting: June 12, 2016      Location: Town Hall, Room 111**

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**Attest**     Jessica White    

**Date: 6/14/2016**