



Parkway Little League

P.O. Box 320152
West Roxbury, MA 02132

PLL Board Meeting, November 9, 2020, 7 p.m. VIA Zoom

Attendance

Ian Browne
John Burns
Kevin Cloutier
Rich Curran
Keith Gagnon
Pat Goonan
Dave Greenwood
Tim Mills
Pat Murphy
Brian Nolan
Dennis Roache
Michael Seaton
Bill Sittig
Brian Taggart

Absent

Keith Barry (notified me of absence)
Kevin Boczkowski
Mark Loewen

11:9:1

Proposed date for Opening Day

The board agrees that it has worked in recent years starting the Majors season the week before April vacation, and then not having games during vacation week. Saturday, April 10 would be the week before vacation starts. The board agrees to plan on April 10 for Majors Opening Day.

Teams will play the week of April 10. No games from Saturday, April 17-Friday, April 23.

The other leagues will start on Saturday, April 24.

We will table trying to set up a parade until the January meeting and decide at that point if it is realistic given Covid.

Action: Commissioner Pat Murphy can start plotting along a 2021 Majors sked. The sooner the schedule is out, the more notice we can give parents so they can avoid scheduling conflicts.

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General ledger and 2021 budget

Earlier in the day, former treasurer Rick Treseler sent out a general ledger with the up-to-date report on the league's finances. That has been sent to the board.

Over the next couple of weeks, Dennis plans on meeting with Rick and new treasurer Brian Taggart to do some budget transitioning and getting it more in Brian's hands. Rick will probably stay on and help with the budget, at least through the end of the year. We will be building the 2021 budget.

Action: President Dennis Roache will work with Brian Taggart and Rick Treseler to form a budget for the coming year.

11:9:3

Sponsorship update

Dave Greenwood, who is taking over sponsorships for the board this year, reached out to West Roxbury Main Streets. He put together a spreadsheet of everything they have, all the businesses. He also has a contact for the Roslindale Main Streets. He spoke to her today, said their list is kind of fragmented in the last six to eight months. Dave has created a spreadsheet with West Roxbury businesses and Roslindale businesses.

Greenwood will soon get sponsorship info from last year's coordinator Matt Maiona so he will have a better idea of what level sponsors committed to in the recent past.

Dave will have a meeting with the sponsorship committee soon.

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Facility projects

Groundskeeper Charles "Curley" Peterson finished the work we hired him to do on Bunker. He is 75 percent done with Praught. He's surpassed the hours we paid him for and insisted on finishing the job on a volunteer basis. Tim Mills is still working on Curley to be our fields guy for next year.

Tim is looking at getting some equipment - some leaf blowers - so when we have rain, instead of us all pushing water onto the grass, we can just blow the water off. He's getting prices on that. Dennis and Tim are going to go through all the facility equipment we have and get a checklist of what we need to get done.



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Also, several board members suggested we give Curley a gift card to thank him for the extra work he did. Each board member agrees to chip in and Dennis Roache will collect and present gift card to Curley.

Dennis adds that Phase 1 of Fall cleaning is complete. They'll do one more cleaning this year and open up next season with a third.

Joe Foley's company will continue to maintain the Baker Street sidewalk in terms of snow removal. In turn, we allow him to dump snow in the parking lot as it comes in. He'll clean it all up before the season starts.

11:9:5

Goals/expectations for members of the board

Dennis wants to make sure the new members of the board know that they can lean on returning members for any questions they might have on how to complete their tasks. Dennis notes that it's the time you put into your work on the board that will make the experience better for the kids. Everybody contributing in their role will be vital in how well this league runs.

Dennis notes everyone should reach out to he and Richie for any questions, as well as the many other veterans of the board who have been around for years. There's a lot of expertise here, Dennis notes. Let's tap into it. Let's keep making the league better. With enrollment and population going down, we need to make the league as appealing as possible.

11:9:6

Future of the PLL complex

Dennis notes that we need to start thinking about the future of the complex, and how we want to improve it, and says we need to build a sub-committee and getting some work done. We have some development money, though we did tap into some of it to get through the Covid year. We're hoping to earn that back. Dennis is looking to apply for CPA Funds again this year. The committee needs to get ready to roll and figure out what we want to do with this complex - a plan and vision.

Action: At next board meeting, set up a sub-committee to make a plan on the future of the complex.

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Boundary adjustment

Dennis would like to re-visit whether this board would like to expand our boundaries into Hyde Park. With shrinking enrollment, the board should



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consider sitting down and talking about this. At some point, it should either be a goal of this board to expand the boundary or not expand it.

Action: Discussion at upcoming board meeting needs to be had with a decision of whether to try to expand the boundary