



Salisbury Recreation Committee

Maplewood Ball Field

Meeting Summary

July 24, 2022

Kathleen Doyle, Chair (2025)	Present	April Rollins, Member (2023)	Absent
Jocelyn Henry, Vice-Chair (2024)	Present	Mike Broas, Member (2023)	Present
Dave Kelly, Secretary (2025)	Present	Julia Jones, Alternate (2025)	Present

Visitors: none

Open Meeting: Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by Chair Kathleen Doyle.

Meeting Minutes: The draft minutes of the April 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed by members. Julia Jones requested 1 correction, Merrimack Valley Youth Baseball League should be Merrimack Valley Youth Baseball and Softball (MVYBS). Dave Kelly motioned to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Mike Broas, with all in favor. Motion passed.

Batting Cage location and installation schedule: Components of the batting cage have been purchased, except for pitcher protection. Julia estimated the cost of the protector ~\$150 and thought MVYBS could purchase. Members decided the ideal location for the batting cage would be 20 feet beyond the fence, right outfield. The cage is 12' high, 12' wide and 55' long. Installation will require 8 post holes approximately 2' deep and hardpack pad that extends at least 2' beyond the size of the cage. Kathleen estimated the need for at least 6 volunteers and asked Julia to put the word out with MVYBS. Kathleen will send an email with work dates as soon as she finds out when the pad can be installed. She would like to get the cage completed by August/September.

Old Home Day: The co-ed softball game will be Saturday 8/13/22 after the Fire Dept. Muster and Kids kickball game (30 minutes). Field prep prior to the game includes grass removal/widen baseline between 1st and 2nd and add new clay.

Fall Recreation Events: Kathleen would like to organize Town Rec Flag Football, no NFL registration, just pick up games on Sundays if there is enough interest.

Other Business: Julia requested that the committee consider hiring Mosquito Squad to spray the ball field prior to next baseball season. Kathleen agreed to cut down more brush around the field and look into getting it sprayed if MVYBS would be willing to split the cost with Salisbury Recreation.

Julia received an update from April regarding the previous concession stand that Gayle Landry used to run at the ball field. There is \$500 left in that account if Julia wants to reopen the concession for next season. Discussion took place about getting a fridge and freezer donated. Julia thought there was an extra chest freezer at Welch Field that could be moved to Maplewood. She would like to be able to sell freeze pops, cold drinks, and hot dogs. Kathleen mentioned the current hot dog steamer is not working so we would have to investigate repair or replacement.

A short discussion took place about Girls Softball. Currently, the nearest softball field is in Concord. Could we get more information on the number of Salisbury girls playing softball and consider making Maplewood work for both softball and baseball? This would require turning the infield to clay and purchasing a pitcher's mound for baseball.

Repairs needed: There are 3 fence posts along the 1st baseline that have lifted with frost and have exposed concrete. Sandbags have been added to cover the concrete, but they need to be permanently repaired, it is a safety hazard. Kathleen suggested lifting them with her tractor so we could dig the hole deeper and drop them back in. The dug out closest to the parking lot has a large crack in the back wall. Kathleen wants to ask Bill MacDuffie about adding drainage between the parking lot and the dugout to prevent further settling of the structure.

Adjournment: Dave motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jocelyn Henry, Vice-Chair

*These meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted on **April 14, 2023***