

TOWN OF DEDHAM

Park & Recreation Department

*Dolan Recreation Center
269 Common Street
781-751-9250
Mucciaccio Pool
1 Recreation Road
Pool 781-461-5991*



*Robert Stanley
Park & Recreation Director
Debra Anderson
Assistant Dir. /Program Dir.
Tracey White
Assistant to the Director*

Board Meeting

May 7, 2018
7:00 pm

Present:

James Maher
Chuck Dello Iacono
Jonathan Briggs
Tye Donahue
Salvatore Ledda
Robert Stanley -- Director
Debra Anderson – Program Director
Tracey White – Assist to Director

Meeting called to order by Chairman J. Maher at 7:05 pm

Public Comment

Ursuline Academy, Athletic Director, Mike O'Connor wanted the Commissioners to know how much he appreciates Director Robert Stanley and Tracey White (Assistant to the Director) for the way the scheduling for the fields has gone this Spring. With all the bad weather, it was greatly appreciated how well the fields were maintained.

Minutes

J. Maher made a motion and a second by S. Ledda was made to accept the March 2018 meeting minutes, all in voted in favor of accepting them as written, J. Briggs and T. Donahue abstained from voting on March Minutes.

C. Dello Iacono made a motion and a second was made by J. Maher to accept the April 2018, as written, all voted in favor, S. Ledda & T. Donahue abstained from voting on the April Minutes

Reorganization

J. Maher thanked the Commissioners for a great year as being the Chairman, he appreciated the support of the other Commissioners.

S. Ledda nominated C. Dello Iacono as Chairman and a second was made by T. Donahue, by roll call vote all voted in favor

C. Dello Iacono introduced T. Donahue as the newest elected member
J. Briggs nominated S. Ledda as the Vice Chairman, a second was made by T. Donahue, by roll call vote, all voted in favor.
S. Ledda nominated J. Briggs as the Secretary a second was made by J. Maher, a roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor.

Fred Civian of the Conservation Commission spoke about the possibility of putting a floating dock at the town landing.

J. Maher asked is there has any paperwork been filed with State

F. Civian answered that he is unaware of any

C. Dello Iacono asked if Virginia LeClair (Conservation Agent) could send any information to the Director,

Run for the Fallen

United States Army Sargent Major Kelly, asked for a permit for the Run for the Fallen road race at Memorial Park. He anticipates about 1,400 runners, the setup will be the exact same as last year. They would like to request September 7 & 8th, for the event permit request, after initial ok with the Parks & Recreation Commission he will then meet with the Police & Fire Chiefs and then will go in front of the Board of Selectman.

J. Maher asked the Director if there were any issues in the past years.

Director stated that there have been no issues in the past with this event, though if over 1000 people will be participating then possibly the Parks Dept. employees may need to be asked to work.

Motion by J. Briggs second by J. Maher to accept the request for a two day permit for the Run for the Fallen event and Road Race at Memorial Park, on September 7 & 8, 2018, all voted in favor to accept.

Director R. Stanley introduced Kristen Engdahl Spencer as the new Director of the Pathfinders Program

Assistant Director Report

- Pathfinders kicked off baseball two weeks ago, there are currently 7 children registered, LL Bean will be working with the kayak program
- All Day Program has 82 registered
- Swim & Gym
- Swim & Gym has an extended hour from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- Adult classes at the Pool, Aqua Boot Camp, Aerobics, and Barre are going well
- Dance Recital will be Friday, May 25th
- Diving Program had 23 registrants, will do again in the summer
- Golf Lessons partnering with Brook Meadow
- Having a WSI course in June
- Tween Extreme Camp, is a new program, each week is different, all trips off site
- Have changed the tennis program, have a new person running the classes
- Field Hockey program will be the last week in July
- Tiny Tykes Soccer Program is two weeks in and is running well
- Drug Coalition photo contest

Ongoing discussions for Intermural programs with the Middle School, working with the Principal and Athletic Director

Trails Day at the Dolan Center, 9:30 – 12:30 Road Race and Water Race activities, will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

Track program is being worked on

Partnerships with the Police Depart. For possible evening events at the Dolan Center, possibility of the Police Dept., putting a basketball net at the Dolan Center.

J. Briggs asked if we were tracking participants, for the pool activities that are drop ins?

D. Anderson stated that she is tracking it

J. Briggs asked what is the one night a week activity with the Police Dept.

D. Anderson stated it was for ages 8 through teens, and would be run at the Dolan Center

S. Ledda asked about the rationale of having Trails Day on Father's Day?

J. Briggs answered that it is the day that was chosen

J. Maher Have you thought about asking Dog Owners?

J. Briggs stated that there are

J. Maher stated that we can't get people to go to a Trails Event

Discussion on Dogs at the Parks

J. Maher asked about Judo Class

D. Anderson stated that

S. Ledda made a motion to accept Assistant Directors Report, a second was made by J. Maher and all voted in favor of accepting the Assistant Director/Program Director's Report.

Director Report

Program sign ups seem to be doing well

Has been spending time at the parks, have had to deal with weather conditions during the month of April, we have 2 seasonal guys now will possibly have three soon
Had training on equipment at Gonzalez, we will most likely keep at Memorial Garage,
Magnet picks up all metal on the field, Litter Cat picks up all debris, sifts out pellets
Deep Clean machine picks up all pellets on the field, and it has been suggested to do once a year.

We are in good shape with Sugrue, though there are warn spots such as pitcher's mound and batting boxes

We are looking at different types of benches for Gonzalez

DYS has accordion style seating, maybe soccer could purchase for Gonzalez

J. Maher stated that there is supposed to be aluminum seating on the pad at Gonzalez

Irrigation should be turned on soon

Memorial looks great at the front, and the back half is covered in dandelions that is due to fertilization and pesticide program

Crossing my fingers with the pump at Rustcraft

Union Negotiations are ongoing

Master Plan we have asked for the Parks & Recreation Draft, asked for a deliverable date, would like to have something for Town Meeting, if there are changes to Open Space then they would have to be reflected to the Parks & Recreation side as well

J. Maher asked if any work been done to any of the school fields?

The Director stated that Oakdale was done and Greenlodge has been too wet, haven't done Riverdale at all

J. Maher stated that we need to get to the elementary schools

R. Stanley stated that he had to have the Parks Dept. work 4 hours Overtime this past Friday

Discussion on field prep for Varsity Baseball & Softball

S. Ledda stated he has had a lot of compliments on Memorial Park baseball fields

S. Ledda stated need three or four barrels at Riverdale

S. Ledda asked why there was a portable restroom at the pool parking lot

Director stated we will check on that ASAP, should have been picked up a while ago

S. Ledda can we move the pod from Rustcraft to Condon?

J. Briggs DYS stated that it wasn't used very often, now you are saying that it is used

Discussion on how and where to use the pod, C. Dello Iacono stated that it should be checked with Conservation Agent, J. Briggs will investigate with Con. Comm.

J. Briggs asked if we need more Parks Dept. Employees. Are we understaffed?

R. Stanley stated that it is hard to get employees in April and May we have advertised and sought more applicants

Discussion on amount of employees and rates of pay

C. Dello Iacono asked about the flags at the fields

J. Maher stated Social Media is great with Pathfinders and the Pool we need to get Programs advertised better

S. Ledda made a motion to accept the Directors Report a second J. Maher was made, all in favor

Sub Committees & MOU Committees

Discussion on who would like to be on various Sub & MOU Committees

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Comm. – J. Maher

Selectman MOU -

School MOU - J. Maida

Concession Stand MOU – S. Ledda

Council on Aging – C. Dello Iacono

Open Space – J. Briggs

Planning Board

Gonzalez – J. Maida & D. Hart

C. Dello Iacono will reach out to Dan Hart & John Maida to see how they feel about possibly keeping on the committees that they have been on as the Parks & Recreation designee positions

Old Business

Discussion about moving the Manor Fields Committee forward, would like to see the benchmarking report for Finance Committee

S. Ledda asked about quotes on gates for Memorial Playground, as it is a safety matter for children

New Business

T. Donahue excited to work with the other Commissioners, Director and staff, has some new ideas and will bring to board at a later date J. Briggs wanted it on record that he has been complimented on the fields around town

J. Maher would like to have a subcommittee bringing back Manor Fields

C. Dello Iacono handed out business cards to all Commissioners

C. Dello Iacono wants a Public Relations segment for Dedham Cable

S. Ledda made a motion to adjourn, second by J. Briggs all voted in favor to adjourn
9:05pm