

TOWN OF DEDHAM

Parks & Recreation Department

*Dedham Recreation Center
269 Common Street
781-751-9250*

*Anthony Mucciaccio Pool
1 Recreation Road
781-461-5991*



*Robert Stanley
Director*

*Debra Anderson
Assistant & Program Director*

*Tracey White
Administrative Assistant*

December 10, 2018

Francis O'Brien Meeting Room – Town Hall
7:00 pm

Present:

Charles Dello Iacono - Chairman
Jonathan Briggs
James Maher
Tye Donahue
Robert Stanley – Director
Debra Anderson – Assistant Director
Tracey White – Assistant to Director

Absent

Salvatore Ledda

Public Comment

Robert Neegan, with his son Ben, wanted to acknowledge the wonderful Flag Football Program, he thanked all those involved

Dedham Youth Softball

Bill Walsh, President of Dedham Girls Softball with Frank Bollette, a Dedham Girls Softball Board member asked to have fencing put up at Memorial Park, on Sullivan Field, and to extend the fencing to 6 foot fences in front of the dugouts at Churchhill Park.

J. Maher asked if the benches were too close to the playing field

F. Bollette answered no, that L fencing would fine

J. Maher asked that Softball measure the area and verify that the benches are a safe distance from the foul line,

R. Stanley stated that if it was reasonably priced he possibly may have the money to do it, the earliest in March. He will get pricing from a few different fencing vendors

C. Dello Iacono suggested having a Softball Board member do the walkthrough with the Director

Dedham Pop Warner – Jay Mammone

none

Presentation from Town Manager James Kern & Selectman Michael Butler on Leadership Program

Lincoln Land Institute, we went to eight, one day classes, with a diverse group of employees.

There is very little Leadership Training for Public Sector Employees such as Town Managers and Department Directors, there is much emphasis in the Private Sector.

It is about getting new people interested and invested in the town, to come to meetings and share their input. How to engage different peoples to attend meeting, and to have the meetings positive and make sure that the new people continue to back to the meetings.

Minutes

J. Briggs stated there was an incomplete sentence on page two, it will be corrected to read 'J. Briggs thought it seemed aggressive since the Master Plan has not been completed as of yet.'

Add "second by J. Briggs'

Motion made by J. Briggs to accept the Minutes of September 10, 2018, with the two corrections stated, with a second by T. Donahue, all voted in the affirmative

Striar Property: Temporary Leave Storage

C. Dello Iacono stated that the Agenda item should be Wood & Wood Chip Storage, Al Royer from Royer Tree Removal, stated he was looking for a place to store

C. Dello Iacono asked Joseph Flanagan, the DPW Director what his thoughts were

J. Flanagan stated there is plenty of space to store wood & Chips on the property, that the area is an active site, and

J. Briggs asked what type of temporary arrangement he was looking for and

A. Royer stated month to month would be a great

J. Maher asked if there would be a Work Trailer on the property.

A. Royer stated absolutely not.

C. Dello Iacono stated the Al Royer has been good to our community, and would like to help him in any way we can

J. Maher stated that he wants the understanding that whatever is left on the Manor Fields Property is easily removed whenever is needed, and that the property will not become a dumping ground.

T. Donahue stated he would like to help if we are able

J. Briggs stated that it will not become a dump, and would like to help out

J. Maher made a motion that the Parks & Recreation Dept. go into an agreement for a monthly permit process/ temporary (up to 6 months) with Royer Tree Service, for the storage of equipment and wood chips while he looks for another location, with a review in six months, with a second by J. Briggs, all voted in the affirmative.

Status of Capitol Items

R. Stanley stated that the Dolan Center Bundle new Balance Beam came in a few weeks ago, the fencing and gate are installed, has a meeting coming up with the security FOB Company. The Kayak Storage rack will be delivered after the first of the year.

Pool – New Timing touch pads are working great they were used this past weekend. The handicap chair is run by water pressure and the psi may not be strong enough, there is not enough pressure at the pool, plumbers are working on it. Hydrocycles have not been purchased as of yet.

Sand Pro was delivered in August, and has been used all fall, and the Parks guys are pleased with it.

Utility vehicle and the leaf blower - we are evaluating various vendors, it seems that a tow behind blower is not the type we need. The one that may work best is a front end attachment for the Kabota. We have put in the order for the Kabota attachment.

Utility vehicle has not been chosen yet, he needs the sign off from the Parks Dept.,

J. Maher asked what the turnaround time to getting the utility vehicle?

R. Stanley stated he wasn't sure yet, as there are various types of vehicles to assess.

Director Goals

J. Briggs stated that some goals should have a timeline, others are continuous.
See attached.

Director Report

- **Full Time Janitor at the Dolan Center**
 - The Facilities Department is in charge of the maintenance and general cleaning of the building will speak to the Facilities Director
- **Fall & Winter Registration Numbers**
 - The programs could always have more participants,
 - Using Constant Contact, Sportsman and Facebook to get information out, am working on a plan with the staff to come up with new ideas

Motion to accept Directors report made by J. Maher with a second by T. Donahue, all voted in the affirmative

Assistant Directors Report

- Summer planning is in full swing, having an Open House with information in January
- Bringing back indoor soccer in the winter for 2.5 to 5 year olds
- Santa will be in the Office next Wednesday making calls to over 100 children, next year maybe Santa can come in for two days.
- Egg dive will be over April vacation,
- Numbers for Fall & Winter are over 740 participants, some classes and programs are still signing up
- Working with LL Bean for Options on kayak program

T. Donahue, asked if we could add the other 30 kids on the waiting list for the Santa calls,

Motion to accept Asst. Directors report made by J. Maher with a second by J. Briggs, all voted in the affirmative

Old Business

J. Maher asked about the netting on Gonzalez Field, when it would be taken down?

R. Stanley stated that he thought it had all been taken down, he will take care of it tomorrow

C. Dello Iacono asked about Pathfinder sponsorship from Needham Bank, and when was the last time they paid?

R. Stanley stated about a year ago, he will speak to them about continuing the sponsorship

New Business

J. Briggs asked about the floor in the Dance Studio, a splinter situation

It was answered that the Facilities Dept. is aware of it.

J. Maher requested to move January, February and March Meetings to 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn made by T. Donahue, with a second from J. Briggs all voted in favor to adjourn at 9:00 pm