

# **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*

January 8, 2018

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

**Present:**

James Maher – Chairman  
Charles Dello Iacono  
Jonathan Briggs  
Salvatore Ledda  
Robert Stanley – Director  
Tracey White – Assistant to the Director

**Absent**

John Maida  
Debra Anderson Program Director

Chairman Maher opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

### **Public Comment**

Joanne Keaveny stated that she had various questions about the Manor Fields asked if it would be appropriate to contact the Commissioners, and asked questions. The Commissioners stated that they were always happy to take calls from residents, however it is best to come to meetings and ask questions.

Ms. Keaveny asked if there had been a traffic study since the apartments in the Hyde Park would likely increase the traffic in that area.

J. Maher answered that he was under the idea that the Selectmen had asked for a study regarding traffic, he also added that the project was six months behind schedule. She asked if they were comfortable without an updated study, and S. Ledda answered no.

J. Keaveney ask about the response time to questions from residents to this Board. J. Maher stated that almost always within 24 hours, she replied that she had sent him an email two weeks ago and had not received a response, J. Maher stated that he did reply to her email.

\_\_\_\_\_ asked if there would be any meetings prior to Town Meeting, J. Maher relied that they were hoping to have a meeting a week prior to the Special Town Meeting.

### **Directors Report**

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan is almost done, work on the Open Space portion has a lot that is needed.

The skating Rink at Memorial is being used regularly, S. Ledda thanked R. Stanley for clearing off the rink, R. Stanley stated that it was a group effort and the Parks Department has done a great job, and thanked them for the work they have done.

The Finance Committee has asked all Departments to complete a Benchmark Project report, on various categories of their Departments and complete and return by the end of the month, C. Dello Iacono asked that the Director share the report with the Commissioners before sending it to Finance Committee

The Dolan Center lost power on Saturday, it was fixed by the end of the day.

One of the new diving boards at the pool has been installed, parts from the old board will be used for the second board

J. Maida made a motion to accept the Directors Report, a second was by C. Dello Iacono, All voted in favor to accept

### **Assistant Directors Report**

- Wrestling – 31 children are signed up, J. Maher (he coaches) says he believes more will sign up
- Swim Lessons – 93 kids are registered
- Tiny Tots Soccer is a new program, there are 13 kids registered, with a waiting list
- The Council on Aging uses the Dolan Center on Wednesdays morning for yoga classes
- Pathfinders Open House had positive feedback
- Applications are being accepted now, and letters will go out this week to returning staff
- Winter Festival is planned for February 20, 2018
- Tried to start a track program last year, however it didn't work out. S. Ledda suggested contacting Frank Barbuto, the Dedham High School Girls Track Coach
- Tween Extreme Summer Program is a weekly adventure, each day is a different field trip
- Swim & Gym will now offer an extend hour, at a modest cost still 9:00 am – 12 noon, you may choose the option of children staying until 1:00 pm
- Open House will be held at the Dolan Center, 269 Common Street on January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00am – 2:00 pm, families will receive a discount if they register for a program then
- Working on a brochure, when done will advertise

J. Briggs made a motion to accept the Assistant Directors Report, with a second by J. Maida All voted in favor to accept the Report

**Arts in the Park Policy status**