

# ***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*

June 10 2019  
7:00pm

Francis O'Brien Meeting Room

### **Attendance:**

John Briggs - Chairman  
Tye Donahue  
James Maher  
Lisa Moran

Robert Stanley – Director  
Debra Anderson -Asst. Director  
Tracey White – Admin. Assist.

### **Public Comment**

Rita Mae Cushman of Garfield Road stated that she wanted to thank JuJu Mucciaccio and the Commissioners for such a wonderful Flag Day Parade, it was the best one yet!

Jason Mammone asked about having a specific spot at Memorial Park for an AED

R. Stanley stated that he has purchased a box and is waiting for the Town Electrician to install it

Sean Kelleher also wanted to state how terrific the Parade was

### **Minutes**

T. Donohue made a motion to accept the minutes as edited, second by J. Maher all voted in the affirmative

## DEF 5K Road Race

Mark Reilly as President of the DEF asked permission to hold a 5K Road Race and Walk at Memorial Park on Sunday, October 6, 2019. We have had some talks with the Police Chief to discuss the route, and he's approved a route, trying to stay off the major roadways, we will notify the neighbors that would be affected.

We know that we will need a one-day liquor license from the Board of Selectman, and the Board of Health

L. Moran asked if they had a contest for the name

M. Reilly stated there was, and it is now called the DEF Dash won by Sharna Borsellino

J. Maher asked about Portable Restrooms

M. Reilly answered that they will need to order

T. Donahue said he was supportive and would be happy to volunteer

J. Briggs said as someone who was very involved in Bernie's Run, he would also give a hand if needed

L. Moran asked about the Food Trucks

M. Reilly stated that they were thinking about three, and would need separate permits from the Board of Health for each

j. Briggs asked about how many runners were they thinking about

M. Reilly said he thinks 300 would be reasonable, 500 would be amazing

J. Briggs asked about raffles or auction items

M. Reilly stated they are concentrating on sponsorships, however they might do an auction

J. Maher asked if we could leave the Dedham Day tent up, for the week?

R. Stanley stated it may be possible

J. Maher stated he would rather the Parks Department be the ones putting up tents on the field

## Permits

Discussion on various field assignments

Regarding signage on fields:

Paul Yandervistis asked why some leagues can have sponsorships signs and other leagues aren't

Sal Ledda stated that two years ago the board decided that there would be no more signs until a policy was written

Dan Maher asked when he can expect to get an answer on having the banner on Nagle Field

J. Briggs answered at the July meeting

All leagues and groups were assigned field dates and times;

Striar Update

J. Briggs explained that typically all licensures would generally go through the Town Manager's Office

Basically, nine years ago the DPW and Board of Selectman asked to use the use of that site, there is no contract with the DPW, as long as Conservation Commission is okay with it, I'm sure a set of conditions will be set forth by the Conservation Commission

J. Maher asked if Town Council decision was to have the 90 day clause

J. Briggs answered that it's Town Council suggestion that it go through the Town Manager office, if we were to enact the 90 days, the contractors could apply through the Town Managers Office.

L. Moran stated that she thinks that the 90-day clause

T. Donohue agreed with Mrs. Moran, though he sees this as a big loss to the Town of Dedham

J. Maher asked if we can put conditions on the 90 days, such as no grinding or grading

J. Briggs stated that there is no contractor grinding anymore so that's probably not necessary

J. Maher made a motion to enact the 90 day clause and have the two contractors and the DPW remove all there equipment and fill etc., L. Moran made a second to the motion and the other two Commissioners, T. Donohue & J. Briggs also voted in the affirmative.

R. Stanley stated that it would be effective the day that they receive the letter asking them to vacate

Bob LoPorto, Crane Street thanked the board for the vote, he asked about what piles would be gone?

Mr. LoPorto asked if the Town saves about \$300, 000.00 a year, so would that add money onto taxes and why wasn't the money that was collected in rental spent on improvements on Parks or fields

R. Stanley answered that it was good to have a cushion in the Revolving Fund as sometimes the department is very close to zero and that some monies were spent on Parks Dept. overtime so that they could work on the fields more, making them better for the children and adult leagues able to use the fields

Cheryl Sullivan, Sprague Street, the town voted for recreational purposes only, DEP gave a permit in 2017 and it has since expired, so you must go through that process again

J. Briggs explained that was for the specific project, and would go to the Conservation Commission again

C. Sullivan we are all tired of listening to the trucks on Sprague Street

Mr. LoPorto asked what Town Council was

J. Briggs explained that it is the Towns Attorneys, Kopelman & Paige specialist in Municipal Government

Karen Palumbo, Sprague Street, now that you have enacted the 90 days, will there specific instructions on what they can and cannot do,

J. Briggs nothing will change, however having them clean-up leave, will probably cause more trucks and traffic it, will be between the same hours

R. Stanley stated that there shouldn't be any more grinding, maybe just sifting

L. Moran stated that it is 90 days from the date they receive the letter

J. Maher asked that the letters be sent certified

Suzanne Scanlon, 168 Crane Street, will there be any replacement of the vegetation that has been destroyed,

J. Briggs that will be discussed and we will have to address that,

Kerry Hawkins asked who is Pacella trucks

J. Briggs answered that RJV and Pacella are the same company

### Dog Park

R. Stanley stated that the out of town fee has always been \$100. and residents were \$10., was thinking keeping the nonresidents the same and raising residents to \$25.

Discussion on rules and cost

R. Stanley stated that it is extremely difficult with parking some days depending on events

J. Maher stated he went to the Dog Park recently and there were ten people there and only one was a resident

Elizabeth Gustin stated that the biggest issue is the dog walkers, the cost doesn't seem to be an issue

J. Briggs stated that he didn't want to make any decisions with Chuck Dello Iacono as part of the discussion, but didn't want to wait on the FOB system

L. Moran asked how many dog walkers there were a day

It was answered at least two

E. Gustin stated the only dog fight she has ever seen was between two dogs that were brought in by dog walkers

### Master Plan Committee

Reports were handed out to all Commissioners in attendance,

### Directors Report

Flag Day Parade was terrific and all positive comments

Fields have been complimented and that is due to the Parks Dept.

Transfer station is closing next week, we have to deal with that change, with trash bags as opposed to just using barrels

J. Maher asked how many Parks Employees are working? I see fields not getting done

R. Stanley answered 4 Full time employees with six Seasonal help most starting in the next week or so, fields are getting done as fast as able, the abundance of rain has slowed cleanups, however getting all the fields safe and playable is the first concern and that more is getting done then in the past

L. Moran asked if the new staff permanent or temporary

R. Stanley answered four full time, and two are brand new and then the seasonal that are all coming on now as schools are getting out

L. Moran asked who does the updates on the website

R. Stanley answered that it depends on which website,

L. Moran stated that the website has Chuck Dello Iacono & Jon Briggs as Chairman

L. Moran asked how staff working in the summer get notified

D. Anderson answered that if someone is interviewed, they are notified

L. Moran asked about existing employees

D. Anderson answered that they send something in saying they are available for the summer

T. Donahue made a motion to accept the Directors Report, a second by J. Maher, all voted in the affirmative

#### Assistant Director

70 seasonal staff – been busy getting them ready for the summer season

Swim & Gym -160 children, All Day Program, Free Playgrounds, Pathfinders, Tweens and Tennis Programs

Also have the partnership with the Dedham Police Department on Thursday evenings

Field Hockey program and soccer programs

Getting together all the Fall Programs together with the Instructors to put together a brochure

We have a wait list for our Tween Program

L. Moran asked about Tennis lessons for adults

D. Anderson stated it was Mondays 5:30 – 6:30 pm

J. Maher asked about the kayak rentals

D. Anderson stated that we have a contract with LL Bean and will start the beginning of July

J. Briggs asked if there was supposed be a free month of kayaking for the month of July with Mastercard

J. Maher asked where it was advertised, it wasn't on their Facebook page

R. Stanley stated that LL Bean had said they made \$40,000 last year, and we were going to get 10 % of the rentals

J. Maher asked the Director to contact LL Bean and inquire about the advertising

L. Moran asked about a summer dance program

D. Anderson stated yes, a few years ago, in the evenings for all ages

T. Donahue made a motion to accept the Assistant Directors Report, a second by J. Maher, all voted in the affirmative

#### Old Business

J. Briggs announced that Sunday, August 4, 2019 is Trails Day, a great event for families and people of all ages

T. Donahue made a motion to adjourn the meeting, a second by J. Maher, all voted in the affirmative