

# **TOWN OF DEDHAM**

## ***Parks & Recreation Department***

*Dedham Recreation Center  
269 Common Street  
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*Anthony Mucciaccio Pool  
1 Recreation Road  
781-461-5991*



*Robert Stanley  
Director*

*Debra Anderson  
Assistant & Program Director*

*Tracey White  
Administrative Assistant*

July 15, 2019

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

Attendance:

John Briggs  
Tye Donahue  
James Maher  
Lisa Moran  
Chuck Dello Iaconno

Robert Stanley – Director  
Debra Anderson -Asst. Director

### Public Comment

Rita Mae Cushman request permission to put up lights for the National Night Out Event in East Dedham, August 6, 2019 there will be free hotdogs, bouncy houses, games and a movie at Condon Park.

Trails Day is Sunday August 4, 2019 at the Dolan Center from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Discussion on events around town

Riverdale event, Manor Flashlight parade, Oakdale Ice Cream Social

Scott Heald stated he ws happy to see the safety fences in front of the benches at Sullivan Field

R. Stanley stated that there were new safety fences in front of the benches at Churchhill field too

### Sub Committee Appointments

Open Space – Jon Briggs

Council on Aging – Chuck Dello Iacono

School MOU – Tye Donahue & Jon Briggs

Livable Dedham -- Lisa Moran

Master Plan – Tye Donahue

Dedham Square Sub Committee – Jim Maher

Selectman – Jim Maher & Chuck Dello Iacono

L. Moran asked if we worked collaboratively with the Dedham Community House,

J. Briggs stated that a few years ago there was a sunset paddle from the Community House it would be nice to have something from the new launch at Town Landing

L. Moran asked if the Assistant Director would sit down with her and come up with some ideas

#### Master Plan

J. Briggs stated that it would be better to have a meeting in September to have a meeting, the intent is to give one of the reports to all the various Board Members, have one at the libraries, the Selectman's Office & Clerks Office, have ask to be

J. Briggs stated that this report outlines well the need to develop the Striar Property there are a lot of things calls out the needs for more fields, trails and nature programs, we need tennis courts, pickle ball and a lot more for residents

J. Maher stated that Pickle Ball is very popular, we were shot down by Finance Committee, should have some for our residents, neighboring communities have a lot of pickle ball courts that are used often

J. Maher would like to see more activities at the Dolan Center during the day, Pickle Ball Courts would be the perfect spot

#### Goals

##### Communication & Community Involvement

J. Briggs stated to have more of our "brand" out there in the public, some things we are working on, logo with possibly

J. Briggs each park should have all amenities listed by park, should have website with information and whether there are activities at specific parks each day

L. Moran would like to have permanent maps at each park (a you are here, type of map)

L. Moran stated that it would be nice if the public could see that type of calendar

J. Briggs says that we are working with Police on a few activities and Council on Aging

J. Briggs stated possibly having activities at various parks, maybe kayaking from Riverdale Park

##### Preservation & Programs

Dance & Swim bring in revenue, however we should try new things – maybe we try new things that might not initially bring in monies but over time may

J. Maher stated that something the town is lacking is Grant Writer, maybe next summer we have an intern that just writes grants

J. Briggs contract service if we need to hire companies to assist in certain programs

signage of natural and historical places

nature walks – DCR maybe

J. Maher stated that there are programs that take nature walks for a cost and go to various

J. Briggs stated that the town needs another baseball fields

### Connectivity

Realistic ways to get to one of our facilities to another, such as Manor Woods would be a destination park – connecting points to get there

L. Moran how will we track what actions in this plan are being accomplished

J. Briggs – there will be sub committees that come from this report to champion goals & projects

### Recommendations

- Discussion on various
- Expand places for children to play, such as nature play, and outlines each park
- Shade areas and tree plantings – if we shade an area – put benches there
- Dolan Center is hard to get to – due to no sidewalks, the pickle ball courts would be great to be there
- Signage ramped up and added to nature areas
- Seating areas in certain areas
- Develop Manor Park
- Pocket Park in the Village area
- Splash Pads
- Feasibility study for Indoor Community Center – maybe at the old ECEC as it has a full-sized gym
- Greenway linkage plan
- Some recommendations are specific to individual parks
- Work with schools to update fields

T. Donahue stated that they had touched on school fields at the MOU meeting

J. Briggs would like to set a date in September for a meeting to share this report, September 9<sup>th</sup> for unveiling of the Master Plan advertise it in August

J. Maher asked the Director to check when the warrant closes for November Town Meeting

Next meeting will be August 20<sup>th</sup>, then the following dates (unveiling of the Master Plan) September 9<sup>th</sup> & September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> - dates are different then second Monday of the month

### Directors Report

Almost ready to go with Dog Park – just need definitive rates and rules

Residents are \$25 and non-resident fee \$100

L. Moran asked if we could send an email blast to all program clients

Officially will open the Dog Park System on the Tuesday after Labor Day

Joseph Flanagan is helping to facilitate getting the contractors out of the Striar Property

Baseball is just finishing up their tournament this week

Baseball is having a nice event they are having First Responders throw out the first pitch, and they have invited the people that saved my life, so I will be there

LL Bean rental program started July 6<sup>th</sup>, on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm there is no need to make a reservations, they have plenty of kayaks

Softball tournament at Memorial, I will be there all-day monitoring activities

One day permit for Democratic Town Committee family day

J. Maher stated there are to be no political signs at any parks

J. Maher said to check with Town Administrators Office

J. Maher asked about fencing around the field at Churchill seems to be torn up

R. Stanley stated that he said it was reported to him by the Parks Dept.

J. Maher asked to get another barrel at Churchill

L. Moran asked about the Condon Playground mat

R. Stanley stated he has the product to fix, needs to contact the contractor to repair

Motion to accept the Directors Report by T. Donahue, Second by J. Maher, all voted in favor to accept

### Assistant Director's Report

Field Hockey Clinic starts tonight up from 14 to 23 this year

47 kids in tennis, 11 adults

Soccer program ½ day at the Dolan Center is new this year with 8 participants

Clippers at 70 participants

Gymnastics has 11

Thursday partnership with the Dedham Police, at the Avery and possibly using the pool

All Day Program is about 40 kids per week

Swim & Gym is about 418 children

Free Parks,

Paul Park had 51 on the first day, 2 male counselors and 4 female counselors

Condon Park has about 15 per day

Riverdale has between ten & fifteen kids

Parks go to the pool on Tuesdays and Thursday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

December Santa will be making calls to those who register possibly, the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tweens program is in second year, field trip every day, we can only take 13 due to van capacity

L. Moran stopped into the pool and was inquiring about staff knowledge and was so impressed with how Swim & Gym is being run

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

#### Old Business

J. Maher stated they need to be

J. Briggs stated the Condon fence corner will be changed and benches placed

J. Maher suggested an oval area, not a square to soften the area

J. Briggs promoting programs through social media and emails

L. Moran stated she doesn't get many emails, but it matters how it is sent

J. Maher says Constant Contact doesn't allow you share it

#### New Business

J. Maher asked about fixing the fencing on the Commons at Oakdale, Commons and Memorial

L. Moran stated that there were two Commissioners at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Road Race at Rustcraft and the bathrooms and storage room were wide open before she arrived that day. Just wondering who opened the doors.

Dedham Trails Day is Sunday, August 4, 2019 great day for the family

Motion to adjourn by J. Maher, second by T. Donahue all voted in favor to close the meeting