

# **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*

August 20, 2019  
7:00pm

Francis O'Brien Meeting Room

Attendance:  
John Briggs – Chairman  
James Maher  
Lisa Moran

Absent:  
Chuck Dello Iacono  
Tye Donohue

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

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### Minutes

Motion by J. Maher, with a second by L. Moran, all voted in favor to accept, as written the minutes of May 14, 2019

Motion by J. Maher, with a second by L. Moran, all voted in favor to accept, as written the minutes of May 21, 2019

Motion by J. Maher, with a second by L. Moran, all voted in favor to accept, with correction of date, the minutes of June 17, 2019

Motion by J. Maher, with a second by L. Moran, all voted in favor to accept, as written the minutes of July 16, 2019

Motion by J. Maher, with a second by L. Moran, all voted in favor to accept, as written the minutes of August 16, 2019

### Public Comment

Rita Mae Cushman thanked R. Stanley for his assistance with the National Night Out event at Condon Park. She stated that the Trails day event was great and thanked everyone involved in making it such a great day.

Mark Rogers, 28 Fulton Street has concerns about the proximity of the proposed Gun Store to Condon Park

Jeanette Chevere, of 88 Emmett Avenue does not think the proposed Gun Shop is good for the neighborhood

### Permits

After much discussion, the following applications were voted on,

Dedham High School - J. Maher made a motion to accept the permits as requested, seconded by L. Moran, all voted in favor of the application

Dedham Youth Baseball - L. Moran made a motion to accept the permits as requested, second by J. Maher, all voted in favor of the application

Dedham Youth Soccer – J. Maher stated that there is a lot of wear and tear on the pool field, Paul Yandrisevits, the President of Dedham Youth Soccer stated that they would use the Practice field next to Avery School for practice and only use the pool field for games. J. Made a motion to accept the permit, L. Moran seconded the motion, all voted to accept the DYS permit.

Dedham Pop Warner requested Memorial Park from 5 – 8 Monday thru Friday, and Saturdays from 8:00am – noon J. Maher made a motion to accept the permit request with a second from L. Moran, all Commissioners voted in the affirmative

Dedham Girls Softball requested Sullivan & Loewen field on Sundays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Director informed the Commissioners that the Dedham Girls Softball Pumpkin Bowl Tournament would be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. J. Maher motioned to approve the permit and Pumpkin Bowl event, L. Moran seconded his motion and all voted to approve the permit.

Soccer Sisters and Vikings requested Gonzalez Field on Sunday from 8:00 am – 10:00 am, The Directors stated that they share the field, though they both put in a permit. J. Maher made a motion to accept the permit, L. Moran seconded the motion, all vote to accept.

Ursuline Academy asked to use Frietas field for their games from 3:15 to 5:15, J. Maher made a motion to accept the request, L. Moran seconded the motion, all Commissioners voted to accept the request.

Commissioner C. Dello Iacono arrived

### Dogs in Parks

J. Briggs stated that he had been asked about allowing dogs in neighborhood & community parks, however since the person that had asked to have the discussion wasn't able to make it, the agenda item would be tabled to another meeting.

### Gun Shop Proximity to Condon Park

J. Briggs stated that he had attended the rally and it was all positive and there were quite a few people there, he also stated that he personally doesn't think it's the best to have that business next to a park, however legally we cannot do anything

J. Maher stated that ideally don't want it near Condon Park or the Fire Station or not the best towards the revitalization of East Dedham Square area, the owner filed all the proper paperwork, it is the responsibility of residents to watch the agendas of various Boards, residents should send letters to the various Boards sharing their concerns

L. Moran asked if the Police Chief can deny the applicants request.

J. Briggs stated that was not in our purview

J. Maher asked that the Commission send a letter to the Board of Selectman, stating the concern about the Gun Shop being so close to Condon Park

J. Briggs stated that he would be happy to do so

Laurie Toomey of Richards Street asked that the Commission send a letter to the appropriate Boards stating the number of children that are at Condon Park through the permitting process

Jeannette Chevere asked if you can carry a gun in a playground, and would it be possible to have playgrounds to be gun free zones

Gentleman from River Street asked if there was any law that prohibits gun stores near parks or schools

C. Dello Iaconno stated that they must be 500 feet from a park, school or senior housing

L. Toomey stated that is a one to one half walk from the park

J. Briggs stated he will draft a letter to send to the various boards

J. Maher stated that historically businesses don't last long in that location

### Director's Report

The Dog Park is currently in the registering process, people are please with the process, the Dog Park will be closed for a day so the Parks Department can do a good cleanup, and put down new wood chips

Director will be meeting with the Town Manager candidate

Bleacher Code has been updated, we have a lot of need in most of our parks, should be a capitol project

Have had the Playgrounds inspected, some good and bad issues, as soon as receive report will share with the Commissioners, Pour and Play is a big issue and a big expense

There was a sewer break on Rustcraft Road – has been fixed

A commercial was shot at Rustcraft

An Audit of the department will be coming soon

J. Maher stated that we have had 3 or 4 audits

J. Maher asked about the pour and play at Condon

R. Stanley stated that he has the materials of binder in a tub and can do it ourselves

J. Maher made a motion to accept the Directors Report and there was a second by L. Moran, all voted to accept the Report

#### Assistant Director Report

Tennis Lessons ended this week

Parks end tomorrow

Swim & Gym and The All-Day Program end this week

Middle School Drop in ends this Thursday

Brochures will be going out to 11,000 households

Parent Playtime is going to be a new program

Tween Extreme over the winter Holiday break

Has been working with the drug and alcohol coalition

L. Moran asked when the brochures would be going out

D. Anderson answered that they would be mailed out later this week

L. Moran asked about having Sunday night Adult Dance classes

D. Anderson stated that it was tried in the past

L. Moran asked if D. Anderson had spoken to Michelle Reilly at the Community House

D, Anderson answered that they haven't met yet

J. Maher stated that the brochure should go out August 1<sup>st</sup>

R. Stanley stated that the cost was \$5,000, he will do an analysis and thanked John Bethoney for his guidance

L. Moran made a motion to accept the Assistant Directors Report, with a second by J. Maher, all voted to accept the report

## OLD BUSINESS

C. Dello Iacono asked about the pool windows and when would they be done

R. Stanley answered that it would be six weeks in March to April

C. Dello stated safety is the most important

J. Briggs asked R. Stanley to contact the Facilities Director to confirm the timeline

C. Dello Iacono stated that there are 10 rules to the Dog Park, not 17, asked to have information corrected

## New Business

C. Dello Iacono stated that there were a few things that needed fixing at the Memorial Park Playground could the Director look into fixing the gate and rebar next to post, he also said that the Commons posts have historically been repaired with fir tree planks, and that Sunday will be the 44<sup>th</sup> Senior Cookout at the VFW and is always looking for volunteers to assist

J. Maher asked to verify with the Town Managers Office the date for the Warrant Articles to be put in

Motion to adjourn by J. Maher with a second by C. Dello Iacono