***TOWN OF DEDHAM***

***Parks & Recreation Department***



*Robert Stanley*

*Director*

*Debra Anderson*

*Assistant & Program Director*

*Tracey White*

*Administrative Assistant*

*Dedham Recreation Center*

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March 9, 2020

Town Hall

O’Brien Meeting Room

7:00 pm

Present:    Absent:

Tye Donahue – Vice Chairman James Maher

Lisa Moran Debra Anderson – Asst. Director

Chuck Dello Iacono

Robert Stanley – Director

Tracey White – Assistant to the Director

**Public Comment**

L. Moran stated that she is leaving her cell phone on the desk, in case she needs to answer an important call

**Permits**

T. White read changes that have been made since the last meeting, T. Donahue made a motion to accept changes since last meeting a second by L. Moran all voted in the affirmative

C. Dello Iaconno thanked T White for the work done on schedule and thanked Presidents of Youth Lacrosse & Dedham Soccer for working together with the Office

L. Moran asked if Lacrosse now had the schedules for their leagues

B. O’Connell stated they had just received the final schedule just this afternoon

**Master Plan discussion**

Jeremy Rosenberger, the Town Planner and Jessica Porter, Planning Board member presented what the ideas for the 2030 Master Plan will be. It will guide our planning process, such as the arts overlay area in east Dedham, hiring a facilities manager for the whole town and now will be adding Public Health component into the Plan, such as recreation and healthy lifestyles. We will have a Saturday interactive meeting on April 4, 2020 there is a Designing Dedham 2030 website

L. Moran asked if it was a shareable link on social media

J. Porter stated she would double check and make sure it was

J. Rosenberger stated it is a two-year process with a 17-member committee

T. Donahue stated that he is happy to see the diverse group of committee members, and is happy to participate and report back to his fellow Commissioners

J. Porter stated that all recent Committee and Boards Master Plans and Schools will be brought into the 2030 Town Master Plan

J. Rosenberger stated that housing is a major concern and affects various departments throughout town

**Minutes**

T. Donahue made motion to accept the February Minutes, second by C. Dello Iaconno, all voted in favor J, Briggs abstained and J, Maher was absent for the vote.

**Director’s Goals**

To be tabled until April 6, 2020 meeting

**Director’s Report**

1. Sal Ledda spoke about updates on the Gonzalez Concession Stand, and possibly have Civic Pride plant some flowers and shrubs, J. Briggs stated that they could set up a time to meet and discuss what would work best. S. Ledda asked as far as the manning of the Concession Stand, who would be taking care of it.

J. Briggs stated that there will be a MOU between the Parks & Recreation Department and the Youth groups that use the Concession Stands.

Alix O’Connell asked that lacrosse would want to be a part of the opening event

L. Moran stated that Brian O’Connell had made mention that Lacrosse would rather not have to man the Concession Stand.

James Maher arrived at the meeting

2. Parks are getting fields ready for High School teams to start practices

3. Irrigation will start soon, and fertilizer applications

4. Parks Seasonal payrates will have to be raised, that is a reason we are losing seasonal employees due to low wages

5. DPW Director and I are looking at all the trees that need to be trimmed back

6. the wind has been taking a toll on our nets, the heights were the recommendations when they were installed

C. Dello Iaconno asked if there was a warranty on the nets

R Stanley stated that there was not on regular maintenance

S. Ledda stated he would not recommend lowering the nets

7. Saturday are the budget meetings for the operating budget

8. Seasonal & Supplies line items are asking for an increase

9. Town Manger & Finance Director stated that the Assistant Director salary should not come out of Revolving Account, that is good for us

C. Dello Iaconno asked how much of the Directors personal equipment as opposed

to the Town purchasing for the Department

10. finished the Swim Season this past week, it was cancelled due to the Corona virus, so it ended without Championship Meets which was anti climatic

C. Dello Iaconno stated it was great to see the Parks Department out and about doing

so much great work lately

C. Dello Iaconno asked to please reach out to the Sherriff Office to get some Prisoners to assist in some cleanups

L. Moran asked when will the water at the Concession Stand water be turned on

R. Stanley stated it would be by April 1st if not sooner

J. Maher asked if the Assistant Director salary is now to be paid by the town, make sure

the incentive is still there to have successful programs

J. Briggs asked what ever happened to the bench marking study

R. Stanley stated his comparisons were not apples to apples, they were not

comparable, as they had various field sizes and programs, and some were only

recreation Departments and Parks were a different department

S. Ledda stated that we were 40% less than Westwood Budget

C. Dello Iaconno stated acreage does not compare to various neighboring towns

R. Stanley stated he did not have an Assistant Director Report

J. Briggs asked to have an update by Friday

**Old Business**

J. Maher stated that Recreation Program ended this evening for the younger kids and

And the Youth New England’s will be this weekend and we have six qualifying wrestlers

C. Dello Iaconno stated the Council of Aging brochure is great we need to reach out

to the Board of Selectman about the lower Gonzalez parking lot, and overnight parking

is an issue

L. Moran asked when the seasonal or Pool Employees letters will be sent out, some

kids have not received them yet, I want to know what the status of that is

**New Business**

J. Maher asked to have the DPW Director to ask the contractor who used the Rustcraft

parking lot to power wash and possibly re-line the parking spaces

C. Dello Iaconno asked what the pipe is sticking out at the Rustcraft parking lot

T. Donahue stated that it temporary it needed to be done to done regarding connections from East Street

L. Moran stated that Kathleen O’Neill had stated she knew someone who would power

wash the Concession stand, Bob LoPorto’s company would be willing to wash and paint

T. Donahue stated that he would have an issue as it could be a Union issue

J. Maher stated we should ask the Parks foreman and Facilities Department

R. Stanley stated he has a meeting on Wednesday and will speak to the Facilities Dept.

J. Briggs said he was happy to see the Parks Department doing such good works around the town, it seems they are so ahead this season

Motion to adjourn by T. Donahue with a second by C. Dello Iaconno all voted in favor