***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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June 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting via : BlueJean

Present:

Jonathon Briggs - Chairman Absent:

Tye Donahue – Vice Chairman

Lisa Moran

James Maher

Chuck Dello Iacono

Robert Stanley – Director

Debra Anderson – Asst. Director

Tracey White – Assistant to the Director

Chairman Briggs opened the meeting by reading the Governors statement that needs to be read

regarding virtual meetings

***Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and State of Emergency, on March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order Temporarily Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Pursuant to the Order, public bodies are temporarily relieved from the Open Meeting Law’s requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."***

**Role Call Attendance**

T. Donahue stated present

L. Moran stated present

J. Maher stated present

C. Dello Iacono stated present

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** all are accounted for, accept the minutes from September – March

C. Dello Iacono made a motion to accept the Minutes

T. Donahue made a second to the motion

J. Maher voted to accept

L. Moran voted to accept

Summer Permits

J. Briggs introduced Bridget Sweet the Acting Health Director.

Mrs. Sweet stated all of the youth programs have to follow Governor’s directives. She also offered to do a Zoom call, with all the Youth Program Directors. There is to be no contact of any kind, only skills & drills. There must be twenty feet between groups of ten.

Be mindful of high touched contact we are now phase two, step one. The facilities operators are Bob & Debbie, Restrooms can be opened.

Playgrounds have been released today and signs will be posted stated they are not sanitized.

There are to be no games, tournaments or scrimmages. Cordon off an area for spectators, one player to have one chaperones.

Small group cohorts, (same kids are together, per session)

R. Stanley asked if Port-A-Potties are allowed at the fields?

Mrs. Sweet stated she would look for the answer

L. Moran asked about the bathrooms at the fields, how often do they need to be cleaned?

Mrs. Sweet stated she would have disinfectant wipes available.

R. Stanley stated if they are not cleaned then they would close them.

J. Briggs asked about disinfectant stations, at the fields?

Mrs. Sweet stated that this issue with that is that it walks away, meaning that it is stolen

L. Moran asked about the concession stands being opened this season.

Mrs. Sweet has nothing on file to allow them to be opened

J. Maher asked can parents sign a waiver to allow more then ten plays

Mrs. Sweet answered no

J. Maher asked if the playgrounds can be opened

Mrs, Sweet stated that she would send the Director a flyer about the playgrounds opening.

C. Dello Iacono thanked Bridget for her time

T, Donahue asked about the spectators being one parent to one player.

Mrs. Sweet answered that it is a recommendation

J. Briggs asked if anyone from the Youth Groups had any questions for the Acting Board of Health Director.

Heath Purdy, of Dedham Youth Baseball asked about the distance of children?

Mrs. Sweet answered that each group of ten must be six feet apart from each other, and twenty feet between cohorts

Heath Purdy asked about using the same baseballs

Mrs. Sweet stated that is unrealistic to expect not to use the same ball, and make sure to wipe the bat down

**Permits**

R. Stanley stated that these are different looking summer permits then previous summers, and we need to be flexible

Discussion regarding various field assignments for various fields

Sal Ledda asked for Gonzalez and lower Memorial, 5:30 pm – 7:45 pm, Aug 10th – 21st

Dedham Youth Soccer will give up the field for Sal’s Camp

Heath Purdy asked if passing out water bottles

J. Briggs stated that each child should bring their own bottle

Baseball permit is all set, to be approved

Soccer permit is all set, to be approved

Softball permit is all set, to be approved

Mike Nosky Softball at Capen all set, to be approved

Vikings/Soccer Sisters all set, to be approved

Pee Wee Football is all set to be approved

Motion to accept all permits by T. Donahue

C. Dello Iacono made a second to the motion

J. Maher voted to accept the permits

L. Moran voted to accept the permits

J. Briggs voted to accept the permits

T. Donahue spoke regarding Master 2030 Committee has asked to have signage put on some of the areas that the Parks & Recreation Department has Care, Custody & Control of, the committee will work with the Director and the Building Department, they are looking to put up signs from July to September, to take a online survey and community engagement

C. Dello Iacono stated that he is uncomfortable having signs put up, before we have the discussion with the Youth Groups.

J. Maher asked what questions would be on the survey

J. Briggs stated that it was to get community input and engage the residents

J. Maher stated if it is an ongoing of the Master Plan, would be against if it is a new survey.

T. Donahue stated he would get the answer to Mr. Maher

L. Moran stated she had no problem if it was a campaign sized fence

J. Briggs stated he has no issue if we have a say so in what the signs look like

T. Donahue stated it was not all properties, just the high traffic areas

C. Dello Iacono stated that he is uncomfortable with having said no to youth groups and then allowing this entity to put signs on our properties

J. Briggs stated that he thinks it is a different scenario, and it is helping the Town Master Plan, it is different then a youth group making money off a sign

T. Donahue stated that it was a different avenue of marketing for the Committee

T. Donahue made a motion to come up with signage to advertise the Master Plan 2030 on areas that we have Care, Custody and Control of

L. Moran made a second to the motion

C. Dello Iacono voted no

J. Maher voted yes, with conditions

J. Briggs voted yes, to have the committee work with the Director

**Directors Report**

* Fields will want to all be opened, and we will hopefully get new hires all set
* Irrigation has all been turned on
* Picnic tables have been brought to Precinct One & the Triangle
* Signs will need to go up at the Playgrounds
* Strier that has work going on there, it is Amazon that is protecting our land while they have construction on their parking lot
* Pacella Corp. needs to get Rustcraft parking lot cleaned up

C. Dello Iacono stated that construction company needs to go now, as we just gave permits to Youth Groups and the parking lot is a mess

T Donahue stated that he agrees with Commissioner Dello Iacono, that it is a safety issue, however the Company has been good to the Board and the Town

L. Moran stated that maybe we give them an opportunity to speak to the Director and tell them they must be out next week

J. Briggs states it is a safety issue

The Director stated that he has gone back and forth with messages to the Contractor

* Discussion regarding vacating & cleaning up the parking lot, by the end of the week, as safety is paramount
* Had a little protest at Memorial, there were no issues at all
* Programs were all cancelled for the Summer, once we cancelled, many other camps followed

The revoling accounts have a combination of $105,000, will most get taken away to get refunds paid

We have lost a lot of revenue

Flag Day would be Sunday the 14th, there is a group having a car parade

T. Donahue made a motion to accept the Director’s Report

J. Maher made a second to the motion

C. Dello Iacono voted to accept

L. Moran voted to accept

J. Briggs voted to accept

**Assistant Director’s Report**

Been in meetings with local camp directors and various camps have cancelled their programs

Parents have asked for childcare referrals and we have given some names out

We are working to come up ideas for alternate activities for the summer

The Director stated that we will not have money to run these programs so he will have to speak to the Town Manager

J. Maher thanked Debbie for the good ideas

L. Moran asked about the Yoga Program, the Director stated that they are working with her,

Mrs. Moran said there was a big interest from people in the community

Motion to accept by T, Donahue

With a second by C. Dello Iacono

J. Maher voted yes

L. Moran voted yes

J. Briggs voted yes

**Old Business**

C. Dello thanked the employees for working so hard during the pandemic

The Director thanked Debbie for going into the office

L. Moran asked if the Administrative Assistant received the Ethics

L. Moran thanked the Director and Admn. Assist, for assisting with the Clipper end of year

**New Business**

C. Dello Iacono wished Mr. Maher and Mr. Briggs well in the upcoming election

J. Maher stated it was a sad state due to Covid-19 closing programs, and no parade, no summer staff or programs, so many

T, Donahue thanked Office Staff and Parks employees for all the hard work

L. Moran thanked the employees, and appreciates Debbie for going into the office, and wishes Commissioner Briggs & Maher the best of luck in the election, she shared her thoughts on the Solidarity Rally held last week and it was very nice and very eye opening

J. Briggs stated we needed to start thinking outside of the box. How do we show equity to get everyone outside?

Motion to adjourn

C. Dello Iacono made a motion to adjourn

T. Donahue made a second to the motion

J. Maher voted yes

L. Moran voted yes

J. Briggs voted yes