

Parks & Recreation Department

Dedham Recreation Center

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Robert Stanley
Director

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Assistant & Program Director

Tracey White
Administrative Assistant

December 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present:

Absent

Lisa Moran - Chairwoman
Chuck Dello Iacono - Vice Chairman
Alix O'Connell - Secretary
Jonathan Briggs
Lisa Farnham -
Robert Stanley - Director
Debra Anderson - Asst. Director
Tracey White - Assistant to the Director

Chairwoman Moran read the Governor Statement regarding Zoom Meetings.

Chairwoman Lisa Moran asked for a Roll call vote:
Commissioner Briggs stated present
Commissioner Farnham stated present
Commissioner O'Connell stated present
Commissioner Dello Iacono stated present
Chairwoman Moran stated present

Minutes

C. Dello Iacono made a motion to accept the November 2021 Meeting Minutes, with a second by

Role Call Vote: J. Briggs stated yes, L. Farnham stated yes, A. O'Connell stated yes, C. Dello Iacono stated yes, and Chairwoman Moran stated yes.

Public Comment: None

William Gould Update

Brian Keaney thanked Tracey White and the Board for a wonderful dedication.

Pablo Eduardo was chosen as the designer of the Memorial at William Gould Park¹

Mr. Eduardo stated It is a simple design with Mr. Gould sitting writing in a journal with his Navy coat draped over his shoulder.

L. Farnham asked what the material was.

Mr. Eduardo answered bronze and granite.

A. O'Connell asked where the placement was.

B. Keaney answered that they were meeting with Activitas and most likely near the sign.

C. Dello Iacono stated he was impressed with the work of Mr. Eduardo and asked about the possibility of damage of the pen on the statute.

Mr. Eduardo stated that would most likely change with the finished statue, so that it would not be easily broken or vandalized.

J. Briggs asked if there would be a cement pad and granite adhered to the pad.

J. Briggs asked if there was maintenance with a bronze statue.

Mr. Eduardo stated that there is a yearly process to wash and wax.

Mr. Keaney stated that they were coming up with a trust fund for future maintenance.

J. Briggs stated he hoped that there will be a landscaping plan.

Chairwoman Moran asked how long it took to come up with and how did Professor Gould feel about the statue.

Mr. Eduardo stated sometimes it takes along time sometimes not that long

Mr. Keaney stated it was the committee and Professor Gould's number one choice

Mr. Briggs asked if the Board should put a plan care for the park.

VFW/Providence Highway

Jeremy Rosenberger shared information on the VFW/Providence Highway Action Plan.

Assistant Director /Program Director Report

Deborah Anderson shared that they would be adding more dance classes. There would be eleven classes in total now as there were four classes prior.

There will be Art classes in the mornings offered.

Four options for Mini sports some in the day and some in the later afternoon.

Holidays Story Readings.

Chairwoman Moran shared stories of the children that she has read to thus far.

D. Anderson stated that the Santa Paws event was a success, and thanked Rob Blaney & Greg Cabral from the Youth Commission, for their assistance.

C. Dello Iacono stated that it was a great event and thanked the Assistant Director for all her work. Appreciate everyone working together.

D. Anderson thanked the Dog Park Committee for all their help.

Pool Director Report

K. O'Connell shared that a lot of activities are happening at the pool.

Clippers are underway and though will be different than in the past, will still be great for the swimmers.

Swim lessons have just ended.

Mommy and Me starting in January.

Lifeguarding Classes will be happening in December.

The Haunted House was a huge success.

Master's Program has about twenty-Five swimmers. They don't like that our pool is warm.

Director Stanley stated that the temperature is all tied into the HVAC system.

Director Report

Director Robert Stanley shared that he has had meeting with COA and library for a variety of programs.

Thanked the Parks Department for decorating the Town, and putting the lights on the tree with the help of the Facilities Department.

Fields are pretty much done for the season.

Finances - all Capitol was due on the 4th. The budget will be due in January.

Capitol requests this year will be:

#1 - Item was a parks bundle such as the bleachers basketball set ups at Churchill park, ordered new benches at Gonzalez, we need Turf friendly. Purchasing some netting (not \$30,000 worth).

#2 - Security System at Gonzalez

#3 - Shade structures

#4 - Dog Park fencing

As in the past few years, it will be a Level fund for the department.

He has been attending Bi weekly meetings on the potential move to Capen, it is more and more real, facilities will put in for a dance studio at the Capen. Having a custodian on will be worked out, will not be a swing space if they build a new school, we need garage space, we have kayaks canoes a gator final MOU being worked out.

Chairwoman Moran asked where is the dance studio, downstairs? asked when will the move be, as she remembers, it was a mess, when will this all happen

Town Manager Leon Goodwin offered us tours for the school.

A. O'Connell is concerned about MOU and is it year to year.

Director stated that the Dolan Center is under the Care Custody & Control of the Select Board.

A. O'Connell stated that there is a potential to need one.

Director stated that for children it is a great move, for the staff it isn't that appealing. Keeps reminding that it is for the benefit of the residents

A. O'Connell stated the Superintendent seemed to state it would be a year to year agreement.

Director stated that we could coexist with the current renters and to look to see what happens in the future.

Chairwoman Moran stated that it is a rundown space, and the Town Hall is beautiful.

Director stated the COA is amazing, spoke to the Ahl family and the Dance Studio will be redone at the Capen.

J. Briggs stated it would be better and it

Chairwoman Moran stated that having all staff in one room is not productive.

J. Briggs said we will get in there and work it out, asked about if Security System needs WiFi etc. and what about janitorial service at the pool?

Director stated we will need remote access, Town and Schools will work together to get that worked out.

Facilities stated that they would cover the cost of the Pool custodian, after a swim meet the pool is an absolute mess, we need someone to clean on the weekends in the evenings

C. Dello Iacono said that we shouldn't be asking Youth Groups to clean bathrooms, that is town property.

Director stated he is not a fan of concession stands the department spent over \$35,000. For the one at Gonzalez.

A. O'Connell asked if the Board should reach out to facilities.

Director stated it may not be an issue.

Chairwoman Moran stated that someone should reach out to someone from baseball regarding netting.

Director Stanley stated that there may just an area not interfering with the fields.

Chairwoman Moran asked about weekly updates and wants to continue quarterly financials.

Director stated that he can do that.

Old Business

C. Dello Iacono wants to have on the January meeting the Trenton Road MOU with the Select Board

L. Farnham asked to confirm tours on Wednesday.

Chairwoman Moran will get back to Board with times

J. Briggs stated that Open Space maybe having an Earth Day, environmental day, kids back to nature event, next meeting Agenda item possibly.

New Business

L. Farnham would like to investigate a volleyball program for MS age children what are next steps

L. Farnham asked about walking tours of our parks

L. Farnham stated maybe a cleanup in parks

J. Briggs asked about Office Hours in the parks

Chairwoman Moran stated that she would like to request email addresses for Commissioners

Director stated that he is unsure if that is doable

A. O'Connell stated that it is great in theory, however it is difficult to keep up with more than one email

Discussion of how this may be beneficial or not

C. Dello lacono stated that it has come up in FOYA requests, and he is unsure of what is the proper items to submit, would be possibly easier with one email.

January 10, 2022 next meeting

C. Dello lacono made a motion to Adjourn with a second by J. Briggs

Role Call Vote: J. Briggs stated yes, L. Farnham stated yes, A. O'Connell stated yes, C. Dello lacono stated yes, and Chairwoman Moran stated yes.