**TOWN OF DEDHAM**

**Park & Recreation Department**

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March 2017

**Attendance Absent**

J. Maida – Chairman D. Anderson – Assist. Director

D. Hart

J. Maher

C. Dello Iacono

S. Ledda

R. Stanley – Director

T. White – Admin. Assist**.**

**Recognition**

Jamie Weldon an 8th grader at Dedham Middle School and a participant in the Dedham Parks & Recreation Wrestling Program was presented a certificate for being the New England Youth Wrestling Champion

The Commissioners congratulated Jamie for being a champion and coming up through the Recreation Program

Jamie thanked all his Coaches for being so supportive

**Dog Park Discussion**

Mac Sterling stated that park is not accessible, would like a sidewalk along fence, to tree line, for shade.

R. Stanley stated that the temporary Dog Park has now seemed to become permanent Dog Park, looking for replacing fencing along road side, and new accessible gate

C. Dello Iacono stated there is a surface treatment that Park & Recreation has access to, that would be easy to get done with help from the DPW

M. Sterling asked that width of wheelchairs be taken into consideration

J. Maida requested that R. Stanley work with C. Dello Iacono and M. Sterling on issues

D. Hart asked that all plans be looked at by K. Cimeno (Building Inspector)

J. Maher brought up that maybe time to make this site the permanent Dog Park

C. Dello Iacono stated that maybe not time to go forward with that yet due to different rules and regulations with making it permanent

**Permits**

Parent Time

10-11am Saturdays Oakdale School Field

J. Maher made motion for May 6th – June 3rd, S. Ledda second, 5-0 in the affirmative

DY Soccer

Gonzalez Field - 4:30 to Dusk Monday through Friday ---

Motion to Table by J. Maher, second by D. Hart, S. Ledda abstain 4 – 0 in the affirmative

**Run for the Fallen**

W. Aitken Spoke about The Run for the Fallen Road Race, it will be the 3rd year in Dedham, explained that last year there was a pilot error landing on the wrong field, though it ended up being better. Governor request banners be hung a certain way. There was no damage to the fields. Sarah Sweeney was in attendance, she is representing Military Friends, we request that the event can use Memorial Park again

State Representative Paul McMurtry spoke about the specialness of the event and that any issues could be worked out with good communication.

J. Maher made motion that permit be given to the Run for the Fallen Event on September 15th & 16th

D. Hart second the motion,

C. Dello Iacono abstained from voting as he is a volunteer for the Event

Voted 4 – 0 in the affirmative

D. Hart asked is Black Hawk helicopter will be there

W. Aitken stated that hopefully so, due to being the following weekend more Military vehicles and personnel would hopefully be in attendance

State Rep. McMurtry stated that State Senator Mike Rush supports event

**Director Report**

Explained that he has gone to Finance Committee and there was some question about Davis field, and some of the members had gone to look at the field in question

C. Dello Iacono asked if any damage to Davis Field was due to Snow Dump, R. Stanley stated probably not that bad

S. Ledda stated it most likely not due to snow

Reserve fund transfer – Admin Assist was out, and they had to pay for a temporary employee

and reimbursement for what we have paid out for soccer to use the Turf field at the High School

Digging up pool field now, hopefully will be done prior to June when the Swim and Gym Program and all Day Programs are held at the pool

D. Hart stated that construction caused major backup into Avery School, and though it is not our project it was at the pool field

Flag Day Parade is June 17th which is a Saturday at 5pm, and fireworks will begin at 9:15 or so

Sunday, March 26th is the Clipper Banquet at noon

Saturday at 11:00 am is a Dodge Ball tournament that we are helping with

Sunday April 1at is the Gymnastic Show

Egg Drop is Sunday, April 1nd

June 8th Patriots vs Dedham Fire Department

D. Hart asked if J. Kern has answered how Gonzalez funding is going to be handled?

R. Stanley answered that he will reach out for an explanation as he has a punch list of items to discuss with the Town Administration Office

D. Hart asked about MOU for Concession Stand

R. Stanley answered that he will use the one that they already have, Rustcraft seems ok, Memorial is a bit more confusing, Rustcraft seems to need more ventilation

S. Ledda made motion to accept Directors Report second by J. Maher all voted in the affirmative

**Asst. Directors Report**

In the absence of the Assist. Director T. White explained that Summer Flyers had been sent out by all schools in hand and electronically, office have received inquiries due to flyers and most said that they had seen in electronically

J. Maida stated he will speak to D. Anderson on upcoming programs

**New Business**

S. Ledda asked if there has been any discussion about practice lightening for Avery Field or Pool Field?

Asked through the Chairman to have R. Stanley to get pricing for Avery and Pool field “practice lighting”

**Old Business**

J. Maher asked to keep D. Hart as the designee from the Parks & Recreation Dept. for Gonzalez Field Construction and the Parks & Recreation/Open Space Master Plan Committee and issues with the gas line, C. Dello Iacono second that motion, all voted in favor, D. Hart stated he would be happy to continue on as a designee in those roles

J. Maher asked about the status of the MOU with schools regarding Avery field?

J. Maida thought meeting went well, until it was told to him that it was said that the Parks & Recreation Dept. over permits the fields, but after some thought thinks that maybe it be better that the schools take care of Avery Field as they can get it up and running faster due to more money in their budget than Parks & Recreation has.

D. Hart stated that the School Business Manager has stated that in the past that said his hometown rotates fields, so he knows where that comment came from

D. Hart – Master Plan update from Horsley & Witten is going well, will be early summer for completion,

D. Hart mentioned the James Joyce Ramble – there are two other events that happen that day, Take a Walk in memory of Janice Stanley and the North Star Race, he received and email from Paul Reynolds asking if Parks & Rec. would consider joining with Youth Commission to run the North Star Children’s event. D. Hart has forwarded the email to the Assistant Director.

J. Maida stated that it has pleasure and privilege to serve with Dan Hart and thankful for him pushing the ball further down the field

S. Ledda – Dan Hart has been an exceptional Board Member but am I am happier to have him now as a friend

C. Dello Iacono thanked Dan Hart for all his knowledge, and his special gift for the way he shares information with the Board

J. Maher – Dan Hart used to sit in audience and take shots at us as Commissioners, was an advocate for Condon Park and Mother Brook and many other projects, he is well respected and his attention to detail is greatly appreciated

 Dan Hart was presented a plaque on a piece of Dedham Granite and a framed Dedham Recreation Road Race Towel as an appreciation for his 7 years of service to the Town of Dedham as a Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Dan Hart thanked all for the comments tonight and over the past years and very proud that the Parks & Recreation Department has not lost anything that they brought to Town Meeting floor.

Daniel Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 second by C. Dello Iacono all voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM