**TOWN OF DEDHAM**

**Park & Recreation Department**

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May 2017

Present: James Maher

John Maida

Charles Dello Iaconno

Jonathon Briggs

Salvatore Ledda

Robert Stanley - Director

Debra Anderson – Assistant Director

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Public Comment

Rita Mae Cushman invited Commissioners to Dedham 375th Birthday at Condon Park on Saturday May 13th from 11am to 3pm

J. Maher thanked Rita Mae for all her work on the event

Old Business (out of order)

Dan Hart explained the bid proposal for Gonzalez field and would like the Board to vote on RAD Sports as the vendor and how many of the alternate items /add on they would like to have added.

J. Maida asked if they could vote on alternates after Town Meeting votes, and post a meeting

S. Ledda made a motion, second by J. Maida to accept RAD Sports as the vendor for Gonzalez field, all voted in favor, and to post and have a meeting after the Town Meetings vote.

Flag Day Parade Update

Anthony “JuJu” Mucciaccio stated that the Town of Dedham appropriated $50,000. towards the parade,. The Fireworks are costing $35,000, and the parade is costing $45,000. For a total of $75,000. So, the committee has to raise $25,000, at the moment there is $17,600 in the band, so we are about $8,000 short with a month to go. Looking for youth sports to participate. Someone is selling T-shirts online, I met with Caroline Metcalf and she will donate 70% to the parade and she will keep 30%. There will be a list of people who donate, not the amounts. J. Maher asked what was needed to help, A. Mucciaccio stated he needs the Commissioners to line up the various divisions.

Minutes

A motion by J. Briggs, second by C. Dello Iacono to accept the April 10, 2017 Minutes as written, all voted in the affirmative.

Permits

A request to use the Dolan Center this Saturday, sent Asst. Director an email, waiting to hear back on availability

A request to use Churchill Park on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend

Director allowed to issue One Day Permits, after notifying the Chairman

C. Dello Iacono stated that if alcohol is going to be used, it needs to come before this Board and the Board of Selectman

Director Report

Fields – we’ve had a lot the more fields we get done in a day, people expect all fields to be groomed every day, which is almost an impossibility

Staff – we have been seeking employees for the Parks Dept., we have one starting next week, and possibly another the week after, and then the college kids will be back and we can start them right away and fields can be done almost everyday

I had a meeting with the Superintendent, Facilities Director, School Finance Director and Dedham Girls Softball. DGS is looking for batting Cages, storage shed, scoreboard and to correct Irrigation Issues. Would be good to have shed to put our utilities in.

Port a Potties were a discussion with the School Dept. to put them at the schools and playgrounds.

S. Ledda questioned why there was not one at Riverdale, after one being there 30 years, he stated it was unacceptable. C. Dello Iacono wanted an amendment to the MOU, regarding having them on fields we permit. J. Briggs stated it was ridiculous to not have them at the fields.

Pool Field, is moving along, a few issues such as the fence on the Ali-med side, it could cost $19,000. Told them to move along with Project, and figure out fencing later. J. Maida stated fencing was the School Dept. responsibility under the MOU. It was stated that the fence is owned by Ali-med. Line was cut, trying to get Verizon in to repair.

Working with Activitas on Davis Field, need to J. Briggs to assist with any Conservation Comm. Issues.

Master Plan next meeting is May 30th, and then there will be a Community Meeting, on June 6th at the High School.

Financials have been passed out to Commissioners for as well.

Movie Night will be July 20th, Tracey working with KISS 108, should be a fun night.

J. Briggs asked what was wrong with Irrigation at Lowen, R. Stanley explained that Town Electrician, Plumber could bring it up out of the box that is in the ground, and how the sistern works.

J. Maher asked if soccer could rotate the field at Capen, it is getting worn already. When is the ETA on the Verizon cable being moved at the Pool Field? R.Stanley explained that he is working with the DPW Director on getting it done. C. Dello Iacono made a motion to accept Direct Report, second by J. Maida, all voted in the affirmative.

Asst. Director Report

Gymnastic wrapped up last month, and surveys sent out to all participants.

Dance Recital will be this Friday Surveys will be sent out, Survey will be sent to Instructors to see how they felt the Program went, will let Commissioners know the results

Trail Day is coming up Saturday, May 20th Trail Day Committee has been working hard to get that up and running, as of today there are 11 people signed up for the run and 5 for the biathlon. There is also a walk at 9:30am and it is a family friendly event.

Gardening Program has started

Volleyball will conclude at the end of the month, and begin again in September

Hydro Riders is full so we added another class that will begin in June

Diving Started lasted last week and those numbers have gone up

Summer Application process end April 28th, and we will be doing interviews next week.

Thursday, May 25th the Substance Abuse Coalition will be having a presentation at Dedham High School, at 7pm

Last year our Spring Lessons had 81 participants, this year we have 100

Clippers had 100 kids last year, we will have more this year

All Day had 227 kids, we have over 100 kids and we see more kids register in June

Swim & Gym last year had 134 participants and now we are over 100, so that will surpass what we had last year, and that will be 3 full hours this year

Rock Jams Programs 2 weeks, one full day program and one-half day program we partner with the Real School of Music

J. Briggs asked how many Hydro Bikes we have, and what is the cost of bikes? D. Anderson stated she would get the cost.

J. Briggs asked if we have amount of staff to cover the amount of participants in Swim & Gym D. Anderson stated yes

J. Maher asked the cost of Hydro Bikes, and D. Anderson said about $1,000

J.Maher asked if Instructor Surveys were new, D. Anderson answered that J. Maida had asked about that a few meetings ago so that was the reason for the change. Also asked is Wrestling surveys had gone out, as he doesn’t know anyone who has received one. D. Anderson answered that she has received some from Wrestling participants.

J. Maher explained to D. Anderson that is was crucial that she be a part of the Master Plan, 1/3 of the Report would be Program based and she needs to be there to help Horsley & Whitten along, and asked that she attend the Master Plan meetings in the future.

S. Ledda made a motion to accept the Report of the Assistant Director, Second by C. Dello Iaconno, all voted to accept.

MOU Discussion & Vote

J. Maida & D. Hart worked on MOU with the School Dept., J. Maida explained that it is the same as previous with the addition Avery Practice Field that we will permit that the school has a maintenance contract on so they will take care of that, and the Tennis Courts we will take care of emptying the trash when we can. We will still take care of leaves in the fall, they will take care of trash during the school year. They take care of fencing, we mow fields. Same MOU. R. Stanley explained that we cannot fertilize the school fields. We do fertilize the Pool Field explained J. Maida. C. Dello Iacono, asked about trash removal and thought it was rather vague, would like to ask to put in portal bathrooms in language. J. Maida asked that we sign this agreement and work with the Director with the School Dept. S. Ledda would like on the record that the MOU be looked at more than once a year.

Motion by to accept the MOU between the School Dept. and the Parks & Recreation Dept. as written by J. Maida, second by S. Ledda

Discussion … J. Briggs asked that it be looked at more than once a year, typo should be corrected.

All voted in the affirmative. MOU was signed and given to R. Stanley to give to School Dept.

Public Art Discussion

J. Maher stated he would like to be ahead of the curve on this issue.

J. Briggs suggested that we spearhead this, and invite others to join in our discussion.

J. Maher and J. Briggs to

Dedham Trails Day

Important Event for our Community

J. Briggs explained that there are a lot of late registration (that day) discussed how to get more people, involved, it’s a nature based event, just to get people out enjoying nature. J. Briggs invited all Commissioners to take a kayak or canoe ride on the Charles.

Mother Brook 375

R. Stanley explained that the Parks Dept. will be helping to get things set up on Friday. J. Briggs said that they will need two canoes and all different sized lifejackets, participants will sign same waiver as the Canoe & Kayak rentals. They will put out extra trash barrels.

Old Business

S. Ledda asked about any update on Track Program, D. Anderson answered that it will start at the end of June to the end of July on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Dedham Youth Soccer wants to talk about signage at the new Gonzalez Field. DYS would like information before they make a presentation. Discussion regarding signage and policies.

C. Dello Iacono asked how the Director made out with the fence at Condon Park, J. Maher answered that it was put up last Friday. C. Dello Iaconno asked about a landscaper sign at Mill Pond Park. J. Briggs answered that he maintains the park.

New Business

None

Motion made by C. Dello Iacono, second by J. Maida all voted to adjourn at 8:40pm