***TOWN OF DEDHAM***

***Parks & Recreation Department***



*Robert Stanley*

*Director*

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*Assistant & Program Director*

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February 10, 2020

Town Hall

O’Brien Meeting Room

7:00 pm

Present:    Absent:

Tye Donahue – Vice Chairman Jonathan Briggs - Chairman

Lisa Moran

James Maher

Chuck Dello Iacono

Robert Stanley – Director

Debra Anderson – Asst. & Program Director

Tracey White – Assistant to the Director

**Public Comment**

Brian O’Connell asked about how field space was allocated

R. Stanley answered that the High Schoolwas given first priority, then Youth Groups, Adult Groups and then Rental Groups

**Permits for the Spring Sports Season on various fields**

Rally for Sally – Four on the Fourth

Robert Nassar asked for use of Rustcraft (Frietas Field) for the July 4, 2020 Rally for Sally, and also the use of the Concession Stand bathrooms. It will be the 10th year, hoping for 500 runners.

C. Dello Iacono stated that the Director may have to ask the Parks Department about working that day, and to work with the Director on that issue

L. Moran asked about the dates and use of the Concession Stand, Mr. Nassar stated July 2nd – 4th, he would like to get the supplies there the day before, he stated he would work with baseball and Mrs. Moran on coordinating days and times.

J. Maher asked if they would be going to Board of Selectman and the Police, and that he should work with the DPW Director, about road construction areas.

Mr. Nassar stated that they would be going to the Board of Selectman and the course would be discussed as well as with the Chief of Police, they have many volunteers as well as a few Police officers working traffic.

T. Donahue stated it was a great event and to work with Director Stanley and to keep him in the loop, on the progress and as the event gets closer.

Mrs. Moran made a motion to accept the permit as requested for July 2 – 4, 2020 for Rally for Sally, Mr. Maher made a second to the motion, Mr. Dello Iacono abstained from voting, the rest of the Commissioners voted in favor

Soccer Sisters/Vikings – requested Gonzalez Field from April 5th – June 15th

J. Maher asked if there were any issues, it was answered that there had been a day that the kids were walking across the field during their game, and after speaking with the coaches after the game it was fine going forward

Gentleman in audience asked why this group was given permit ahead of High School and Youth Groups, Mr. Donahue stated that he had asked everyone to stay in the room after permits had been given as changes would have to be made, and no permits were finalized until the end of the evening, Mr. Dello Iacono made a motion to accept, second by Mrs. Moran, all voted in the affirmative.

Dedham High School

Athletic Director Steve Traister requested various fields to be used mostly after school until about 5:30 Monday through Friday – application attached

Mr. Dello Iacono stated he was happy to see the Athletic Director of Dedham High School and Ursuline working so well together, and that Avery school field did not need to be permitted by the Parks & Recreation Commissioners

Mr Maher asked if the High School needed three hours at Gonzalez every day, Mr Traister

Motion made by Mr Maher to accept permit for High School & Middle School, second by C. Dello Iacono, all voted in favor

Ursuline Academy

Athletic Director, Mike O’Connor asked for the use of Sugrue Field and Sullivan Field Monday through Friday from 3:00 – 5:45, L. Moran made a motion to accept the permit, second by Mr Dello Iacono, all voted in favor

Dedham Youth Baseball

Heath Purdy asked for various fields and school fields for various days and weekends

C. Dello Iacono stated that if any fields were not being used to let the office know so that neighborhood kids could have open fields

J. Maher made a motion to accept the permit, and J. Maher made a second, L. Moran abstained from voting, it was voted in the affirmative

B. O’Connell asked what the process was to just go down to a field to play

R. Stanley stated that a one-day permit could be requested, or anyone was able to go and play at a field if nobody was using the field, and that he was working on an online calendar

Dedham Girls Softball

Bill Walsh requested various fields for the use of the program, various evenings and various weekend days, had requested Churchill and stated they do not need that field any longer.

He asked about sign sponsorships to be placed at Sugrue and the backstop at Sullivan Field.

T. Donahue asked the size of the sign, it was answered about a 3ft X 5ft sign, Mrs. Moran stated that the signs for baseball had to face inside the park, would that be the same. Mr Walsh stated it would be. Mr. Dello Iacono asked that they get all the information on size etc to the Director so that they had it on record and vote on signs at next meeting.

Motion by C. Dello Iacono, second by L. Moran, all voted in favor.

Dedham Youth Soccer

Paul Yandervitis requested various fields Monday through Friday and Saturdays and Sundays

Monday 7:00 – 9:00 and Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00

Rustcraft after 1pm on Saturdays

Sharing Riverdale, Condon, Oakdale and Greenlodge with baseball

Motion made by C. Dello Iacono to accept all the requests and changes except for Gonzalez field, second by Mr. Maher all voted in favor.

Mr. Yandervitis stated that they would be moving the nets around at the Pool field,

Dedham Youth Lacrosse

Monday 5:45 – 7:00 and Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 Soccer and Lacrosse will share Gonzalez

B.O’Connell stated that they could share the field 50/50 with soccer, he stated he doesn’t use the entire field, only two teams need to use turf

Mr. Maher stated that he was not that comfortable with having two sports on one field at the same time

Mr Maher stated that asking for only one field makes it difficult to permit, Capen is available any day with no conflicts, it is an option.

B. O’Connell stated that he needs lighted turf for eight weeks for 30% of his program

T. Donahue asked if Northeastern would be an option? B. O’Connell stated it is an astro turf, and not lined properly

L. Moran stated that was why we needed the Manor fields to be voted on at Town Meeting

Various discussions regarding the use of Gonzalez fields

C. Dello Iacono asked if Saturdays and Sundays were scheduled by the league?

Mr Yandervitis stated that it was scheduled by the league

Mr Maher asked if soccer still used the Rashi School, it was answered yes, that they play games there

L. Moran suggested the Vikings and Soccer Sisters play on Sundays from 8 am to 10 am at Rustcraft, motion made by C. Dello Iacono and second by J. Maher, all voted in favor

T. Donahue asked if Dedham Youth Soccer & Dedham Youth Lacrosse would have their schedules by March 9, 2020?

B. O’Connell suggested having a meeting a month or so earlier with just Soccer & Lacrosse

Andrea stated it looks like the Board has an issue with Dedham Youth Lacrosse

S. Ledda stated that both Soccer and Lacrosse numbers are going up, this is only going to get worse not worse, he asked about putting up signs at Rustcraft and Gonzalez

C. Dello Iacono stated that signage wouldn’t be asked for three years, S. Ledda stated he made that motion when he was on the Board for two years

C. Dello Iacono made a motion that the Sunday on Gonzalez Field would be discussed and voted on at the March 9, 2020, second by J. Maher, all voted in favor

P.Yandervitis was concerned that the High School turf field may not be available at that time

T. Donahue stated that signage would be discussed at the March meeting.

B. Walsh stated that would be a bad look not to allow signage on the fields

Discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding with Youth Sports Organizations

Re: Concession Stands Usage

C. Dello Iacono stated that we should have stronger language regarding storage at the facilities

in the MOU with the youth organizations

The Director stated he could work on the MOU with the Presidents of the various groups

J. Maher stated that it should be in writing, that it should be the job of the youth groups to get rid of all the old equipment

B. O’Connell asked if Soccer would have it open during lacrosse games

S. Ledda asked who would open and close the bathrooms and do the cleaning, who would be selling from the concession stand, B. O’Connell stated lacrosse does not want to run it

Directors Report

Budget meetings were last week, Finance Committee will be in March, asked for increase in seasonal, and there may be changes to funding of Assistant Director position

Facilities issues are windows at the pool and the Dolan Center leaks in the roof that has caused structural damage and it is being put out to bid

C. Dello Iacono stated to remind Finance Committee that the Assistant Director position should be funded, and asked to bring financial reports to next meeting

J. Maher asked about seasonal employees, seems it is time to ask for additional full time employees

D. Anderson stated that the Human Resource Department has posted positions for the seasonal employee

R. Stanley stated it would be better to have more seasonal employees and pay them a better wage, would rather five seasonal help rather than one full time

C. Dello Iacono stated that it would help with doing fall cleanups to have a full-time person on, as seasonal employees are let go at the end of September

J. Maher stated he would like to have four full time guys in the Parks Department, it would be okay to have Finance Comm. say no to four and yes to two.

R. Stanley stated it isn’t really necessary to have a full seasonal staff by April 1st.

J. Maher asked to get the number of people who have applied for the Parks positions

C. Dello Iacono made a motion to accept the Directors Report and L. Moran made a second to the motion, all voted in favor.

Assistant Director’s Report

D. Anderson handed out flyer/brochure, and asked for any edits or suggestions to be sent back to her by the end of the week

Summer programs were put online in January, and many of the programs are filling up very quickly

L. Moran asked when edits where due back, and D. Anderson stated by Thursday.

L. Moran stated she would be proofreading in sections and send back

J. Maher asked how the dance classes were going?

D. Anderson stated that the average class had 12 to 15 students

C. Dello Iacono made a motion to accept, second by J. Maher, all voted in the affirmative

Old Business

C. Dello Iacono asked for a placeholder at Town Meeting for flag poles and their maintenance and safety netting at the fields

C. Dello Iacono also asked, Since we won’t be developing Striar at this point, I’d like to ask the Director to have the Town Manager’s Office to ask Town Counsel to see about all new signage to have people not to trespass and whether it is legal to have people walking on the property and what is the liability, and to see who is responsible for the trash enforcement with leaves and trash being dumped there along the abutters land.

J. Maher asked J. Flanagan the DPW Director to close the gate at Striar, with a lock, or to send the Parks Department to put a lock on the gate

J. Maher asked for a placeholder for Town Meeting, he stated that Town Meeting has spoken, however our Master Plan states that we develop that land for new fields, it will require new study for traffic Conservation would like to put a placeholder about putting in new access points, 90% of the plan is the infrastructure

New Business

None

C. Dello made a motion to adjourn with a second by L. Moran, all voted in favor.