

TOWN OF DEDHAM

Parks & Recreation Department

*Dedham Recreation Center
269 Common Street
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*Anthony Mucciaccio Pool
1 Recreation Road*



*Robert Stanley
Director*

*Debra Anderson
Assistant & Program Director*

*Tracey White
Administrative Assistant*

January 10, 2022

Present:

Lisa Moran—Chairwoman
Chuck Dello Iacono – Vice Chair
Alix O’Connell - Secretary
Jonathan Briggs - member
Lisa Farnham - Member
Robert Stanley – Director
Debra Anderson – Asst. Director
Tracey White – Assistant to the Director

Absent:

Minutes:

May 2021 minutes – No questions - Motion to accept by Commissioner Dello Iacono, second by Commissioner Farnham

December 2021 minutes – No questions - Motion to accept by Commissioner Briggs, second by Commissioner Dello Iacono

Egg Drop

Egg Drop (Encounter Church) - adding more times (i.e. tickets), several slots for smaller #s, helicopter, inflatables and activities (ex. Rock wall). Request permit for April 9th (rain or shine) noon to 5pm. Chairwoman Moran mentioned that this is Dedham’s election day. Discussion that was done on Election day before – and should not be an issue. Permit was approved. Motion to accept by Commissioner Dello Iacono, second by Commissioner O’Connell

GOULD PARK

Gould Park Budget for landscape/hardscape - neighborhood group wants us to request \$100k to do this work (plan by Activitas). They are fundraising \$300k for the statue. They submitted a plan for us to review.

- a. Issues: plan is too preliminary and broad, lot of money to ask for a project we didn't lead and we have other priorities at this time
- b. They should ask Town Meeting for the funds. Our understanding was that they would fundraise to complete the Park.
- c. Need a representative from the group to answer our questions.

DOG PARK

Dog Park Committee - 1 member is resigning, and they want to add 2 additional people (6 total members). We will post for 3 open positions. 10 days once posted.

TRENTON STREET PLAYGROUND

Trenton Park Playground MOU - we are looking to amend this document to increase Selectboard responsibility regarding notice, funds etc.; need more information regarding who is responsible for repair and replacement of equipment (much of which is very expensive) - looking for joint responsibility.

We are getting \$5k in the budget to maintain.

Commissioner Farnham will re-draft and I will help review. Will vote next time.

SIGN / PERMIT POLICIES

Need a separate document for sign requests and add language to the field permit request document regarding the need for sign permits. Approved making these changes.

Field Policy - small changes approved. Tracey will share with all youth groups and put on website (sign policy as well).

BOTH POLICIES APPROVED 1/10/22

DYS REQUESTS

Commissioner Farnham brought these concerns to the Board. They want the fence at Rustcraft to remain open (as was in 2021, want us to re-bid and get money back for the Needham Bank signage and turf on Rustcraft.

Issues with turfing because it is a multi-use baseball / soccer field. Master Plan's top priority was baseball fields and baseball may need a larger field as well. Need all affected youth groups to come before the board before we can decide this issue.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT

*multi-sports to start soon.

*170 calls for Santa / 12 days of Holiday readings – both very successful

*This week Summer program registration will be sent out. Spring registration begins 1/31. 1st week for Dedham residents only.

DIRECTOR REPORT

*will present financials next meeting including capital expenditures report

*Flag day will be on Tuesday June 14th @ 6pm with 9pm fireworks at Memorial.