**TOWN OF DEDHAM**

**Park & Recreation Department**

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Community Input

Rita Mae Cushman thanked R. Stanley for his help with the Movie Night that was held at Condon Park

Flag Day Parade Recognition

J. Maher thanked Anthony “JuJu” for all his tremendous work on Parade & Firework

S.. Ledda stated that he and his entire family enjoyed the entire day very much

J. Briggs stated that his family was thrilled with the parade and fireworks

C. Dello Iacono thank you from all family, and parents could enjoy the fireworks from their home

J. Maher read plaque and thanked JuJu for all his dedication to the Town of Dedham,

JuJu stated that it will be every 5 years for fireworks, Participants need to be youth of the Town because people love to see children in the parade

S. Ledda thanked D. Anderson for all her hard work

Town Engineer

Jason Mamone stated that the Dedham Westwood Water received a Grant, to replace groundwater systems. Paul Park is one of two sites. Horsley & Whitten rep Jennifer Walslab explained the Stormwater Retrofit Improvements at Paul Park, J. Mamone wanted to include everyone in the process.

J. Maher deferred to J. Briggs as a former Conservation Commissioner, wants to make sure that it is esthetically pleasing? What would it look like? JW- stated that maintenance was very important, grasses

J.Maher likes the raingarden idea, don’t want this not to work. Can we have a Neighborhood meeting with the abutters?

S. Ledda asked what is the timeline? How long would it take? Fall & Spring for Grants, and about 8 weeks for installation, what is the other locations? H & W stated Pool Parking lot. J. Maher asked if the back side of Paul Park was looked at,

C. Dello Iaconno asked about Memorial Park near the playground.

Motion made by S. Ledda second by J. Briggs to start the process,

Susan DeBenadeto 71 Paul asked about back of Park, if it had been considered, J. Walslab stated that they would look at it

Free Little Library

Permits

Steve Traister Representative

DHS didn’t ask for Pool Field because was told he couldn’t use until next spring

Didn’t ask for Gonzalez until mid-October, as he was under the impression that it would not be complete yet

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested

Discussion

Dedham Youth Soccer

George Cariofiles & Steve B. Representative

C. Dello Iacono wants Gonzalez first for use for Flag Football as it is a Parks & Recreation Program

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested with conditions listed above

Pop Warner Football

Paul Munchbach Representive

Pick up at 7:30 is a fiasco, so Softball was pushed back to 7:45, P. Munchbach stated that he would inform the President and Coaches

C. Dello Iacono offered the kids that didn’t make the D/E Teams, would love to have them play Flag Football, P. Munchbach stated he would let Pop Warner know that Flag Football is an option

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested

Girls Softball

Frank Bolotte

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested

Dedham Youth Baseball

Kathleen O’Neil Representative

Accept permits with condition of having a Field Manager that will only work with Director

All in favor of permits with conditions as stated above

Ursuline

Mike O’Connor

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested

Vikings

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested

Soccer Sistas/EMWSL

All Commissioners in favor of permits requested

Director Report

Gonzalez update on Wednesday, have a lot of grading done. Discussion of a scoreboard, a local group donating, proper conduits need to be done soon. Contingency Fund, trees, fencing,

C. Dello asked about the cost of the electrical work that needed to be done, R. Stanley stated it was $4,000 and C. Dello Iacono stated that was about $3,000 too much. S. Ledda asked if there were going to be trees

Pool Field is completed, sod was the wrong type. They mitigated the field would be maintained for a year.

Davis Field was completed two weeks ago, there are no plans to use for the rest of this summer or fall, Irrigating every other night

S. Ledda stated that Memorial is the best it has ever looked Center Field to Left is gorgeous, and Center Field to Right does not look as good but is great

Capone Field we just got bids on Friday, and are now in Town Manager Office, we are hoping to get going in September, we are doing infield and a new irrigation system, have a Company looking to give pricing on a Iron filtration System

Condon electrical problem, no electricity at the pump, hopefully just a conductivity problem and not a pump problem

Car accident at Memorial, thankfully nobody was hurt, now working with,

Mention of Dog Incident at Capone, don’t believe Parks guys did anything wrong.

J. Briggs asked if there was anything more that could be done

C. Dello, J. Briggs all in favor

Assistant Director Report

J. Briggs asked why tennis had changed so drastically? D. Anderson said she would check into it

J. Maher thanked D. Anderson for report on numbers of participants, He asked what is fiscal impact? He also stated that thesenumbers need to go up.

S. Ledda asked about swim lessons in the afternoon and mornings. D. Anderson stated that would be happening

C. Dello Iaconno stated that these numbers scare me, these numbers need to go in the opposite direction, I need a plan next meeting. These numbers don’t make me happy.

S. Ledda stated that all numbers are going down in all programs in all youth organizations.

J. Briggs stated maybe we need to get more creative with our offerings

S. Santos an audience member stated that she agrees with all of the Commissioners, however Parks & Recreation needs to offer new things , She did not know that Swim & Gym was a 9 – 12 program need to advertise, send brochures home.

J. Maher stated that there needs to be better marketing,

C. Dello Iaconno that was a goal that these were to be advertised 3 months in advance

J. Maher stated that

Partnership with Field Hockey had 18 girls

 Police Dept. uses our van for events they have on Tuesdays

 COA for Water Aerobics,

 Health Dept. sunscreen dispensers

J. Briggs asked in terms of the numbers, what are the demographics?

S. Ledda asked about kayaks and canoes, said he heard about a canoe left out.

J. Maher stated he has asked Director to work with the Assistant to come up with a plan of action

Director Evaluation

By Friday J. Maher will provide with all info on the Directors Evaluation

Memorial Bench Program for Parks

Opportunity to have benches purchased by residents and donated to the Parks & Recreation Dept.

Council on Aging Appointee

C. Dello Iacono would like to be appointed by the Commissioners as the Representative to the COA

Old

Minutes for May, motion by C. Dello Iacono, Second by J. Briggs, all voted in the affirmative

Minutes for June motion by S. Ledda, Second by J. Briggs, all voted in the affirmative

Minutes for July motion by J. Briggs, Second by J. Maida, all voted in the affirmative

S. Ledda stated that the AED paddles are expired, and asked the Director to look into it and get them taken care of and up to code

George from DYS wants to sell signs at the new Gonzalez Field. J. Maher stated that they needed to see Ken Cimeno the Building Commissioner. J. Maher stated he knows there is concern about signs going up on the new field, and that they need to seek info from Building Dept.

C. Dello Iacono, stated that he hates signs, you have to be creative to make it nice looking. Residents won’t like it looking out there windows

J. Briggs it’s a new park, I would like to have it sit there for a while and be established, before I can vote on signs going up

J. Maher don’t think big, think small and come to us with an idea.

R. Stanley stated that the engineer was horrified that we would do such a thing to the park, DYS is not the only group to be using the field so other groups may want to put up signs

Discussion on re-dedication to Gonzalez Field

C. Dello Iacono wants to make sure that this Board is the ones that are in charge of any dedications on the new fields

New Business

C. Dello Iacono asked about the online calendar, for all our fields

C. Dello Iacono asked what the policy is for removing unwanted people off the Ball fields

Motion to adjourn C. Dello Iacono, second by S. Ledda, all voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm