



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Room 236
Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2020
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to Order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, David Beaulieu(Secretary), John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), , Heather Twombly (Vice-Chair), William Burr (Chair), Alicia Rooney(Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Aaron Wozmak, Melanie Burger (Alternate), Brian Murphy, Rick Mikulis.

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas, Shayna Sylvia (excused)

Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2020

Approved by Melanie Burger; Seconded by Alicia Rooney

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- John O'Conner noted that the parks he's seen are in good shape.
- William Burr mentioned he noticed the reduction in signage at Woodman Park Elementary. Melanie asked if Dogs were allowed at the park & Gary clarified they were only allowed on the track.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Some small group activities were run such as STEM Class, Basketball and Tennis Camp. Things seem to go well. There have been more recent requests for park related events like a craft fair which is being considered to see if it's possible.
- We'll likely see an increase in requests for interior spaces such as the gyms as cooler weather approaches. Both pools were open by lane reservation this summer but with J.T. outdoor pool closed it will be more difficult to coordinate times. There is currently one sheet of ice in at the arena for now until demand increases with the potential addition of High School programs.
- Typically Rec programs would branch into the schools spaces, but that's not an option so far looking into this year. Parents are asking about sign-ups & schedules for indoor events.
 - John suggested alternate indoor space like possibly a warehouse. Gary replied that the mats are difficult to relocate to new spaces and that they are considering the City Hall Auditorium.
- Senior Center activities have been by reservation only; ex. Limited attendee bingo games, Coffee Hour etc. Looking into other activities where you don't share equipment. Hoping to keep a basic level of activities available.
- John O'Connor asked about using school Gyms. Gary replied they are currently only used for school programs.



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- Krista is still running pickle ball at Garrison courts and gearing up for fall programs if we are able to run any levels of basketball leagues or some basketball related activities.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project:

- Equipment is ordered and should arrive any day now & will be stored at Mast Road Facility for now.
- Still hopeful to have project complete by this fall.
- Some items remain to go out to bid to meet the rules of Community Development Block Grant funding.

Skatepark Status:

- Arizona based developer is planning to be here in October to review site & attend a public informational meeting.
- Working on budget to see how much work we can do in-house & optimize funds.

Guppy Park Softball Field Project Update:

- Tie-in of the electrical line by Eversource is complete and lights are functional.
- With a final installation of a controller, the Lighting Company Musco will be able to control and monitor the system remotely. We have a 25 year warranty on the installation.
- Some clearing out by the street still to be done to clean-up the entry area.

New Business:

Fall Program Updates:

- There won't be fall football, but there will be Soccer.
- Due to the ongoing drought, the field irrigation was turned off at Shaws Lane. Hoping the turf can survive use during the dry conditions.

Veterans Park Projects:

- People continue to order Bricks.
- Proceeds from the bricks go back into the park itself.
- STA Class of 1965 is donating a Bench. There is one more bench space available.
- Next year new signage is coming for all parks including Veterans Park.

Winter Leagues:

- Considering what we can safely host.



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- Questions remain like can we have spectators for Youth Programs? If so, how can we limit?
- Hockey has a one parent per child rule.
- Adult leagues are not as difficult as there are typically no spectators & participants arrive, play, & depart quickly.

Paddle Sport Dock:

- City paid \$150,000 for the new dock.
- We can receive the balance of the reimbursement, which is \$75,000, once the boundaries of the waterfront park are finalized and submitted after Planning Board accepts.
- We used LWCF funds years ago for the area behind Garrison School.
- A gym addition occupied some of the required footprint for the park, which must now be made-up with other land.
- A public restroom will be part of the waterfront development in addition to a boathouse with public meeting space.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by David Beaulieu. Motion was 2nd by Craig Bartle.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu