



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, November 09, 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), Alicia Rooney(Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Melanie Burger (Alternate), Rick Mikulis, Shayna Sylvia

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), William Burr (Chair), Brandy Maas, Brian Murphy

Approval of Minutes for Sept 14, 2020

Approved by Craig Bartle; Seconded by Rick Mikulis

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

Heather noted there was a tree down across the path at Willand Pond & appeared to be on the Dover side.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Gary was out of the City office and worked from home for 3-weeks in October due to a need to quarantine.
- Arena participants had to provide testing to return to the ice after a 2-week shutdown by the Governor.
- Facilities are still open & running but there's limited options. Working through resident & non-resident attendees. Trying to provide residents with priority admittance.
- Will attempt to provide increased offerings after the holiday season has passed if there isn't a spike in virus transmission.
- Paddle sport Dock removed last Thursday & went well.
- Engraved bricks installed at Veterans Park in anticipation of the Veteran's Day Holiday ceremony.
- The Christmas tree is selected & working towards installation. The lighting ceremony schedule for Friday December 4th will not be held in person. The Mayor may speak & hoping to air the entire ceremony on CH 22. Craig suggested You Tube as well to provide a more interactive experience.



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- Senior Center activities have been rolled out in small groups by reservation only. No Senior fitness classes are being held. Trying to offer as much as possible in a safe fashion. Available slots are filling to the limited capacity offerings.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project:

- Equipment has arrived and was placed in storage.
- Earth work remains to go out to bid to meet the rules of Community Development Block Grant funding. Timing has been shifted to allow bids to come in, select a contractor & complete work.
- Neighborhood build could be a challenge under COVID distance restrictions.

Skatepark Status:

- Arizona based developer arrived to attend October public informational meeting.
- Turnout was good with approx. 45 citizens in attendance.
- An alternate location was reviewed as part of that meeting to move the site behind the outdoor pool and park & ride area.
- The proposed new location would provide a cost saving without significantly changing park design or construction timing.
- Additional features such as a bmx track could potentially be incorporated into this site as well.

Guppy Park Softball Field Project Update:

- New field lighting works very well targeting playing area with minimal spillover to surrounding area.
- A few things remain like foul poles, bleachers, and scoreboard lighting to finalize the project.
- If the skate park is relocated, the area surrounding the site could be finished up a bit more.

New Business:

Fall Program Updates:



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Winter League Status:

Recreation Attendance Level Implications

- Working on changes to flow at entry/exits to facilities to minimize people crossing in close proximity or interacting.
- The Arena & Indoor Pool now have tracking counters to monitor participant levels at each building.
- NHIAA has not finalized a decision for Basketball or Hockey.
- Second ice-sheet has not be installed to-date. Considerations will be made for priority access for area residents instead of out of state user groups.

Budget Process:

- November/December is time for working budgets leading up to July 1, 2021 new budget year.
- Hopefully by summer conditions are better as it relates to virus.
- Reduced revenues or potential government stimulus funds will be impactful.
- The City has submitted for expenses related to public safety items like PPE at their facilities.
- John noted the Library & Recreation budgets are many times impacted first during City deliberations. Encouraged board members to attend sessions to note their importance.

Community Trail Update:

Shana noted construction is underway from Fisher Street to Rt. 108 and on the Fourth Street section as well.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rick Mikulis. Motion was 2nd by Craig Bartle.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu