



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, January 11, 2021
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: David Beaulieu(Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Rick Mikulis, Brian Murphy, Craig Bartle, Melanie Burger, John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Alicia Rooney(Alternate), Shayna Sylvia(remote)

Absent: Heather Twombly (Vice-Chair), Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas (excused)

Approval of Minutes for Dec 14, 2020

Approved by Melanie Burger; Seconded by David Beaulieu

Citizens Forum: Mayor Bob Carrier

- Mayor Carrier attended in support of adding the sport of curling to the city recreation activities. Bob noted former Dover Mayor Scott Myers is involved in a Curling league in Plymouth, NH. Dave mentioned a rink similar to the Puddle Dock Pond rink at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth would be a good addition to Dover as their attendance is high & frequently booked beyond capacity. A company called *Rink Services Group* installs their rink. Curling could be an activity on a seasonal outdoor rink. Brian noted Dover used to have a rink many years prior located at Woodman Park. Location suggestions were the new softball field outfield at Guppy Park to utilize the new lighting & adjacent Zamboni, or as part of the new Waterfront Park to encourage downtown gatherings.
- Some Community Trail vandalism & graffiti was noted. Dover Main Street will hold a clean-up day. There is also a community Trail Committee, but the City is ultimately responsible for upkeep. Funding will eventually fall under a City Park Status as the entire trail is adopted a long City Park.

Election of Officers:

- Heather Twombly was voted *Board Chair*; nominated Brian Murphy. Seconded by Melanie. Unanimous
- Rick Mikulis was voted *Vice Chair*; nominated by Dave & seconded by Alicia. Unanimous
- Dave Beaulieu was voted *Secretary*; nominated by Melanie & seconded by Rick. Unanimous

Reports:

Advisory Board:

None



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Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Krista continuing to run Pickle ball ongoing with reservations.
- Gym occupancy capped at 15 participants for open gym time.
- Senior Center activities going along while providing a safe environment.
- We would normally be planning for Awards Banquet this time of year but that will be cancelled. The 2019 recipients will pick up their awards from last year, which were not handed out in hopes that we could give them out this year. John suggested involving media in some way to note those award winners.
- Dover, Somersworth, & Rochester working together on an emergency cold weather homeless shelter. The City purchased portable Laundry/shower/kitchen trailers. Had to get them purchased and functional before Dec 30th to meet grant requirements. Located on River Street. Units may eventually be a part of a permanent facility.
- Community Trail design by Knox March Rd & Bellamy field is under review for alternate route. Currently the Planning Department is working on a plan that will need to go through Bellamy Park and try to avoid the Disc Golf course which would cross the Bellamy River before it gets to the course. Need a new bridge over river which is costly. Looking at options for funding; possibly from a grant source.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project:

- Need bids for the site work contract to meet the rules of Community Development Block Grant funding
- Project will commence build in spring

Skatepark Status:

- Topo, geotech & wetland out to bid.
- Once bids are in it will go back to designer for a park plan as well as surrounding area, then cost estimate to determine how it works into budget.
- Funds are derived from developer impact fees.

Winter League Status:

- Basketball Leagues were working to put something together but due to the Covid spread potential leagues will probably not materialize.
- Even youth leagues don't look promising for the winter months.



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Budget Status:

- Budget numbers are submitted which were primarily an update of last years.
- Budget hearings will be this spring to vote by first week in May to adopt new budget.
- John encouraged members to go support Recreation & Library budget during public comment.
- New Zamboni is calculated into this session as well as full time maintenance position at arena.

New Business:

Recreation Attendance Level:

- Expect attendance levels are going to be consistent as the level we are at going forward.

Spring and Summer Programming:

- Feb & March are normal sign-up times for summer camps and leagues like Baseball, Softball, etc. We'll hear from leagues soon or will reach out. Maybe there can be small activity groups.
- Hoping summer will improve conditions as vaccine is rolled out
- Gearing up for some level of increased programming but to be determined

Waterfront Park Development:

- Working with developer and planning department on park site so it is ready as construction begins to roll forward.
- Also reviewing boathouse size & location

February meeting may move to the cafeteria so tables don't have to be re-arranged.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Melanie Burger. Motion 2nd by Brian Murphy.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu