



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Cafeteria
Meeting Date: Monday, February 08, 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, Shayna Sylvia, Heather Twombly (Chair)

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas, Craig Bartle, Melanie Burger, John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Jon-Erik Tryggestad

Approval of Minutes for Jan 11, 2021

Approved by Rick Mikulis; Seconded by Shayna Sylvia

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

None

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Fitness Center has been steady with number of attendees under the maximum allowed.
- Senior Center has been conducting games & social times as well as sending activities out to the homes. This extended period has been difficult for seniors to remain isolated.
- Had pickle ball nets up on all 8 outside courts while snow was minimal. Brian asked about utilizing arena this spring for court space, which may be possible, but normally would have other activities such as Dog Show, Home Show, & Roller Derby in rink.
- Elementary school bringing back kids slowly & asked to use extra space outside of school like tennis courts at Woodman or Shaw's Lane lot at Garrison to improve social distancing.
- There has been an increase in sledding activity at Garrison Hill & Shaw's Lane.
- The Skate Park was also getting use while snow cover was thin.



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Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project:

- Local Engineering Firm been hired to develop plans to include grading and playground equipment layout. Have 60 days to respond from mid-Jan start time.
- Neighbors have been very understanding & patient given delays.
- Project will commence site work in spring and install the playground in the summer.

Skatepark Status:

- Topo, geotech & wetland out for design to same engineering firm as Amanda Howard with same 60-day window to complete study. Once study is complete, it will go back to designer for a park plan as well as surrounding area.
- With the park shift to upper part of Guppy, the softball field area can be finished. Still small building that needs repair at field, which has scoreboard controls.

Spring and Summer Programs:

- Typically, spring sports registration activities would be going on now in-person. Everything is handled on-line now.
- Still many questions with other Seacoast Rec Departments & questions with state guidance. A recent *Draft* of new state guidelines indicates increased group sizes & bus capacity for summer camps.
- Parents are trying to determine what their kids are doing for spring/summer programs.
- No swim lessons last year & those may be able to happen this summer. Decisions will need to be made soon. Things continue to slowly improve.

Budget Status:

- Budget numbers are submitted waiting to hear back about a review meeting.
- Fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30th.
- Budget hearings pushed back a few weeks this year so adoption will be late May to early June.

New Business:

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:

- Pool is slated for upgrades this year. Time has come for a new deck, liner, & filtration system upgrades. Budget is approx. \$500,000. The pool was built in 1977 and rebuilt in 1992. Filtration was rebuilt last in 2003.



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- A new cover will also be incorporated which is timed for the same time as the concrete deck as the cover anchors are installed into the deck.
- The 3-meter board will not be reinstalled possibly in favor of a slide.
- Also, lighting is being considered to extend hours of operation.
- If design is complete this summer, construction can begin this fall & be finished by spring so all work is accomplished during the off-season.
- New public bathrooms are also a consideration to handle demand without asking patrons to utilize the ice arena or portable toilets.

Waterfront Park Development Update:

- Waterfront developer Cathartes is working on a revised plan & may permit the entire site from onset instead of phasing. This could shift the location of the start point saving more time for the existing skate park.
- The proposed new site design does conflict with the proposed location of the boathouse. The new location option for the boathouse may be closer to the where it exists now and meetings to finalize are scheduled.
- The paddle sport dock is proposed to be installed the end of March.

Awards Program Discussion:

- Most of the awards have already been mailed out.
- The Volunteer of the Year has not been announced yet. Will try to schedule a time for them to come in for a photo.
- With the limited programs last year, there less opportunities for awards for this year so we will not have the annual program for 2020.

***** Community Trail Update**

- Next phase through Bellamy Park disc golf course.
- Looking at options for a new route via a bridge installation.
- Initial bridge cost was approximately \$150,000 but after entry & exit excavation was added the cost had escalated to approximately \$600,000.
- Discussions ongoing.

We will continue to meet in the cafeteria going forward and we will discuss the start time of the meeting potentially being changed back to 7:00pm on the agenda for next month.



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Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by David Beaulieu. Motion was 2nd by Brian Murphy. Vote was unanimous to adjourn. Jon- Erik Tryggestad arrived as the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu