



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, April 12, 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, Heather Twombly (Chair), Shellie Lemelin, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Shayna Sylvia (via phone)

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas, Craig Bartle, Melanie Burger, Jon-Erik Tryggstad (Alternate)

Approval of Minutes for March 8, 2021

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by David Beaulieu

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

Rick noted he had ran the Community Trail & appeared in good shape

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Dock has been installed at Waterfront Park
- Youth leagues are beginning. Fields are ready but will need rain soon to survive.
- Pickle ball has been outside for a few weeks now. Courts will be touched up soon for crack sealing.
- Dog Park and Morningside Park are slated for picnic shelters this year & working to get those projects started
- Fireworks will be held on July 4th and the plan for this year will be to fire them from the top of Garrison hill as have been done in the past. Covid restrictions will prohibit the preferred site of Henry Law Park again this year. Atlas Fireworks will apply to the state for the venue change. The Army band typically plays at the pavilion but since most members have been activated they have cancelled their attendance.
- A group would like to initiate a Community Garden at the summit of Garrison Hill. Many residents around that area have limited yard space. They propose to fence in an area to protect the garden. One challenge is the availability of water. The existing water bubbler used to be served by a tank & pump system but that has since failed. It would need a similar type system installed. Conservation Commission or Community Services may be able to aid with cost of that installation.
- Reviewing area to confirm it would not interfere with fireworks launch area. A community garden was once sited at the area of Whittier & Sixth Street.



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- Dover is being considered as a Voyage community. The Voyage program installs a walking model of our solar system by using tall stainless steel spires with information of each planet. The spires would be scaled out accordingly so students can get a sense of planetary distances. Installation would likely be located along the Community Trail between Central Ave and Transportation Center. This would be an impact fee supported project and perhaps partner with the Children's museum.
- The water main project has started downtown. DPW is utilizing Guppy Park lot as a staging area for equipment & materials. Parking will be tight while in use.
- Senior Center activities have been ramping up as vaccinations increase. Activities continue to be reduced capacity & by reservation. Looking out over the next 3-6 months hopefully day trips can begin again

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Tritech Engineering has almost completed all surveys.
- Once finished we will need to hire a site contractor to begin grading and playground equipment layout.

Skate Park Update:

- Tritech Engineering is also working on Skate Park site survey.
- City will try to do as much site work as possible to limit project costs.
- Future amenities can be added to the project as outlined in the updated master plan.

Spring and Summer Program Status:

- Monday the 12th was kickoff of some Spring/Summer program registrations. As expected, numbers will be lower as space is limited.
- The Playground program at Horne Street has a maximum of 30 participants. Working to make the best staffing ratios.
- Camp Kool at the Arena will have 2 groups of 20. It will be a challenge to create enough options but aiming to provide the social & educational experiences.

Budget Status:

- The City Manager will present the budget to the City Council on Wed 4/14.
- There will be ongoing review sessions now through early June to review.
- The Recreation Budget will be up for discussion on April 28 and John O'Connor encouraged members to spread the word & attend in support of the budget.
- The sessions are available to view on local channel 22.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:



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- The Cover has been taken off the pool & opening day will be mid-May.
- The pool is slated for a \$500,000 upgrade this year consisting of a new concrete deck, liner, and pump system. Currently working with City Engineering to prepare package now.
- Project will begin in the fall.

New Business:

Park List:

- There is an updated list of parks around the city in the new Master Plan.
- There are many small parks, which are unknown due to their size & location.
- A complete list of parks is available on the city's website.

New Park Signs:

- The new plan to upgrade the signage at all parks is moving forward.
- Currently there is no consistency to sign style & design.
- New signage will look similar to identify the site as a city owned park.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick Mikulis. Motion was 2nd by Brian Murphy.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu