



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, May 10, 2021
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: David Beaulieu(Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Rick Mikulis (Vice-Chair), Brian Murphy, Heather Twombly (Chair), Shellie Lemelin, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Craig Bartle, Jon-Erik Tryggstad (Alternate), Melanie Burger, Elizabeth Fischer (Alternate)

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

Approval of Minutes for April 12, 2021

Motion by Alicia Rooney; Seconded by Craig Bartle

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Heather noted the sign on the Somersworth side of the Willand Pond trail was vandalized.
- Craig noted the water level is rising at Willand Pond & the trail is busy. He also asked about access to the dirt road that goes to the water located behind Dover Marine.
- Jon asked about adding trash barrels to Barbados Pond area.
- Brian noted the passing of Dover citizen Steve Towne & encouraged a possible memorial given his commitment to city sports programs. John noted he would discuss with Mayor Carrier.
- Beth noted the Gundalow would like to travel upriver to Dover, perhaps in August. Asked about possible dock location.
- Beth noted the need for consistent public service announcements to clean up after your dog. Perhaps something could be added to the Dover Download page.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon:

- Welcome Beth Fischer to the board. Beth introduced herself & has lived in Dover for 22 years. Was previously on the Waterfront Development Committee & work obligations prevailed. Saw this open position on Dover Download site.
- City still working on a federal initiative called Voyage solar system program to install 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. Installation would likely be located along the Community Trail between Central Ave and Transportation Center.
- Summer registrations are increasing for camps such as Camp Kool at the Arena and the Playground Program at Horne Street. Limited registrations are available. *Beth asked about*



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activities for kids unable to get a spot for camps. Registrations are now all completed online. Summer staffing was a challenge with a few spots still remaining.

- Fireworks will be held on July 4th and launched from the top of Garrison Hill. Atlas Fireworks plans to add larger shells to be visible from a distance. There will be no vendors at Henry Law or entertainment in the Band Shell. The 400th Committee is planning a large fireworks display in 2023 as part of the anniversary celebration.
- The use of the Band Shell is being requested by groups that would normally have an indoor venue
- Colored shade-sails were installed at Henry Law Park as part of the Children's Museum Play patio. Certain water features like the spray pad at Guppy Park will not be utilized due to the drought conditions health concerns. That water is not recycled. The fountains & hand-pumps could be active depending on how things progress.
- Picnic tables and trash barrels were added to Willand Pond Park.
- Senior Center activities increasing as vaccinations increase. Not traveling yet but taking reservations for summer trips. Hopefully this fall will add coach bus trips.
- Pickleball is in full swing.
- Softball and Lacrosse season is busy.
- High School tennis team has been using Woodman Park Courts in addition to HS Courts.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Waiting on bidding to get contract going.

Skatepark Update:

- Waiting on one more Geotech survey.
- Some brush was recently cut & city will try to do as much site work as possible by fall with plan to build in spring 2022.

Budget Presentation Review:

- We're lucky to have a supportive council. Always in need of support for overall budget and an available Maintenance position at the Arena.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:

- The pool upgrade planning has been slow & may not begin in the fall. Timeline could be pushed out.



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Beth asked about responsibility for odds & ends city work that is identified. Mentioned the community trail could use dog waste bag stations. A: those types of duties have shifted over the years from Parks Maintenance to Facilities & Grounds. As demands were added to Facilities positions typically did not follow stressing budgets & personnel. Gary noted a single trash barrel installation is \$3,000. John noted that he would inquire further.

New Business:

Review Park List:

- Tabled as Shayna was not in attendance.

New Park Sign Update:

- The new city signage is installed which adds consistency to sign style & design.
- A few signs need to be connected to note dogs are not allowed in certain parks.

New State Guidance on Operations:

- Universal Best Practices now reigns.
- Guidelines are shown as recommendations & no longer requirements.
- Responsibility is shifted to the individual.
- City staff is encouraged to be vaccinated.
- The school advisory committee to convene to update rules for mask use on School Grounds.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Craig Bartle. Motion 2nd by Melanie Burger.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu