



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820,
Room 224
Meeting Date: Monday, June 14, 2021
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

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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), John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Craig Bartle, Jon-Erik Tryggstad (Alternate), Elizabeth Fisher (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Shellie Lemelin, Alicia Rooney(Alternate), Melanie Burger, Brandy Maas

Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2021

Approved by Craig Bartle; Seconded by Brian Murphy

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Rick Mikoulis noted that Bellamy Park was in great condition
- Dave Beaulieu noted there was an erosion issue where the land meets the beginning of the dock at Waterfront Park.
- Beth noted the Hostas at Joe Parks Garden were coming up great.
- Heather noted blue bags in Dover are available for public area clean-up & collected by Community Services.
- Shayna provided an update from Community Trail Subcommittee
 - There was a recent removal day of invasive weeds.
 - The proposed Solar System model for the community trail was approved
- Provided & explained a new online Dover Rec Park Monitoring Form. Would help identify issues/concerns on a trail or in a park. Gary will review & determine best way for form to be administered.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- City has transitioned to a mask policy that leaves use of masks to the discretion of the individual.
- Summer camp will be slightly different this year breaking attendees into 2 groups. Interviewing for final counselor position.
- Budget was passed. Arena position was added back in along with funding for new Zamboni remained. June 30th ends the fiscal year. Available funds were utilized to purchase 3 additional AED's at a discount offered through the State.



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- Fireworks will be held on July 4th and launched from the top of Garrison Hill. An additional \$5,000 was added to the show for a higher display. Gary was recently on WMUR News 9 as part of a segment for towns discussing upcoming event. Dover PD meeting this week to review security & traffic plan. Traffic will be closed to Garrison Hill as display is set-up.
- Willand Pond Park has an active volunteer group. Area behind Dover Marine has city owned property & is being reviewed to increase community foot traffic. Area tends to be underutilized currently & is susceptible to litter.
- Senior Center activities are increasing. Day trips to begin next week utilizing Dover's bus. Larger Coach bus trips will be added this fall to destinations like the casino.
- Pickleball remains strong at Garrison School. Krista managing on daily basis.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- A few recent meetings have occurred & bids will be in soon to proceed with site work.
- Will need to coordinate with Miracle Recreation where playground equipment was purchased to return for installation.

Skate Park Update:

- Surveying & engineering are complete.
- City Community Services will begin to coordinate the delivery of fill to prep site as part of Phase I preparing site for Phase II build in spring 2022 build.
- Finalizing contract with designer.
- Working on additional support from private sources.
- Timing should be good to utilize existing site at Henry Law until new site is complete next year.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:

- The pool is open for the summer season.
- The upgrade is still in a planning status and projected costs will need to be reevaluated due to age of original budget projections.
- John noted that Seacoast Swimming is supporting a portion of the purchase new shed approx. 14 X 22 for equipment storage.

New Business:

Summer Program Status:

- Playgrounds Program will be located at Horne Street Park. 32 kids allowed (2 groups of 16). Program would normally allow up to 70. Field trips are planned.



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- There will not be a summer music program. Was not feasible at the time we needed to make the decision to run it.
- One counselor position remaining with interviews continuing.

Waterfront Park Ideas:

- With the site moving closer to development, more people have been calling with ideas such as Volleyball court or a dog park either here or at Maglaras Park.
- Splash Pad returning next week with slightly altered hours of operation.

Boathouse Meeting Review:

- Beth provided update from Waterfront Park Committee:
- Leaving or relocating existing boathouse (Butler Bldg) was not embraced by developer Committee reviewing the possibility of adding space within the development proposed building F for boat storage. John took issue with existing building being eliminated
- Considerations be discussed for possible boat rentals. Craig shared a site called *Paddleshare.org* he was familiar with
- Considerations be discussed for additional Rec Programming space within the new development

Olympian Recognition Signs:

- City reviewing new signage at city entry points detailing Dover as the home of several Olympians. Determining qualifications of who should be included.
- Brian suggested others recognitions should be included elsewhere like Bob Foster & Charlie Holt at Arena
- Beth said he can engage services of reporter from Fosters to help
- Shayna said *Strafford.org* is looking at a passport type program with Stamps to encourage people to visits sites.

Summer Meeting Plans:

It was decided to hold the July meeting as scheduled and skip the August meeting.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu