



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, July 12, 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, John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Craig Bartle, Jon-Erik Tryggestad (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia, Shellie Lemelin, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Melanie Burger

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas, Heather Twombly (Chair), Elizabeth Fisher (Alternate)

Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2021

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by Melanie Burger

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Shayna provided a brief update from Community Trail Subcommittee
- Explained the new site Strafford.org will launch next Tuesday.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Fireworks were held on Sunday July 4th and launched from the top of Garrison Hill. A malfunctioning shell failed to make elevation & discharged back on the ground causing significant damage to some of the remaining shells & concluding the show early. There were no injuries, however, there was some property damage to the community garden fence & also minor damage to municipal vehicles on-site. Gary was interviewed by WMUR news 9, several newspapers and radio stations explaining incident. Insurance companies from both Atlas Fireworks & the City are reviewing to address required repairs. Expected savings from the shortened show will be rolled over into the next few years.
- The new Graffiti Response Committee is looking for a representative from the Recreation Advisory Board.
- Recreation activities such as pickle ball, baseball, sports camps have been growing. Weather has been tough on scheduling.
- Senior Center activities are increasing. Day trips are underway. Staffing is limited due to loss of front desk staff from last year and the timing of getting new people on board.
- The Gundalow deck at Henry Law has yet to be painted this year. Historically an intern assists. Board suggested maybe volunteers could participate.



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Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Site work bids are finally out & awaiting results to proceed. Contractor probably only has 2-3 days work to complete.

Skatepark Update:

- Preparing to transition to Phase II and Phase III build in spring 2022.
- City Community Services is doing as much site work as possible in Phase III.
- Gary planning to meet with stakeholders of the project to ensure transparency & verify the direction & design would meet expectations. John asked to attend that meeting as well.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:

- There has been no progress & upgrade remains in a planning status.
- Bids did not go out and project will be shifted to next year.

Summer Program Status:

- Horne Street program is full at 32 kids.
- Bus trips are beginning.

Olympian Recognition Signs:

- Qualification status a work in progress.
- Working with media personnel to bring awareness to the issue for public input.

New Business:

Waterfront Park and Boathouse 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 has been in use since last month and will alter hours of operation if required by Community Services for water conservation if drought conditions return.

Boathouse Meeting Review:

- Committee was reviewing the possibility of adding space within building F for boat storage and support facilities. Have now began to focus on better utilization of the pavilion building footprint. It could be redesigned for workshop space on the lower tier facing the water and also incorporate a space for cleaning & extra equipment storage. This may improve overall functionality for that building. Currently an ongoing discussion with the developer.
- **Shayna introduced a motion promoting the redesign of the Pavilion Building and surrounding park area based on the plans that Gary shared. Motion passed unanimously.**



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Fourth of July Review & Future Plans

Covered under Recreation Director update above.

Sports Complex:

- Dover is considering how to possibly engage in a public/private partnership with a sports complex developer.
- There are a few sites in town which could be feasible for a new facility with a state of the art Competition Pool.
- Potential project is in the early discussion phase and to answer questions on overall demand, viable locations, impact to the city if surrounding towns construct a multi-sport facility as well.

Adjourn:

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

Next Meeting will be September 13th

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu