

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, September 13, 2021
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Brandy Maas, Brian Murphy, Alicia Rooney (Alternate),

Approval of Minutes for July 12, 2021

Approved by Craig Bartle; Seconded by Melanie Burger

Citizens Forum: None

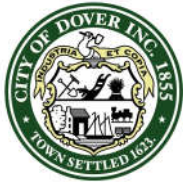
Reports:

Advisory Board:

Rick Mikulis joined the Graffiti Response Committee

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Summer programming offerings were all very full. Swimming lessons, day camps, travel trips, etc. All went very well.
- Watching & Waiting on how to proceed with fall offerings. Seems mask recommendations are becoming more prominent monthly. Decisions will be made as leagues pick up & conditions dictate. Certain Government regulations require/promote vaccination but municipalities and local governments do not fall under those guidelines.
- Senior Center programming has picked up. Day trips are underway.
- The gundalow deck at Henry Law is painted. The weather finally broke creating a narrow window to complete the work. Some new wood caps were made to replace missing ones. Former wood louvered vents were replaced with stainless steel to avert damage.
- An unfortunate accident where a person climbing in the miniature Garrison tower sustained an injury due to an action they took to climb the ladder to the second level and ended up in a location where Fire Department extraction required the tower to be damaged. Upper level of tower is closed while parts are located to complete the repair.
- Henry Law Park was busy this year including the band Shell. Temporary portable bathrooms have historically been used since access to internal facilities is limited. The rental toilets sustained damage & scheduled servicing by the companies was not timely so the units are planned to be removed. There is future consideration for the addition of external bathrooms to



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be added to the indoor pool building. The funding would need to be secured through the CIP Budget. Project is several years out.

- Paddle Sport dock is scheduled to come out for the winter on November 4th.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Site work is scheduled to begin September 27th and should require about a week to complete.
- The company providing the playground equipment is scheduled to begin October 6th working with City staff to install.
- Finishing touches such as fencing & the gazebo installation will occur after all else is complete as time permits.

Skatepark Update:

- City Council has approved the project.
- Engineered drawings are being completed.
- Would like to coordinate some type of groundbreaking ceremony with stakeholders.
- Also working on quotes for phase II to identify & secure future funds.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:

- There has been no progress & project will be pushed to 2022.

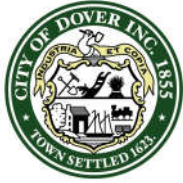
Olympian Recognition Signs:

- Advisory board to begin review for recommended qualification status.
- What will criteria be for inclusion on signage?
- The board will make a recommendation to the city council to which they will make the final determination.

New Business:

Waterfront Park and CWDAC Resolution Discussion:

- Incorporation of some type of public space & boathouse is now part of the Conditions of Approval for the site.
- Paddle sport access will be discussed at an upcoming meeting the first week in October. Meeting will be held in McConnell 305 at 7:00pm. Date to be announced.



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Boathouse Meeting Review:

- Committee was reviewing the possibility of adding space within building F for boat storage.
- Have now refocused to better utilization of the pavilion building.
- Could be redesigned for workshop space on the lower tier facing the water and also incorporate a space for cleaning & storage. This may improve overall functionality for that building.
- Currently an ongoing discussion with the developer on the overall plan.

Fall and Winter Programs:

- Fall & Winter program offerings are planned to proceed as normal.

Athletic Complex Committee Status and Discussions:

- Considering how to engage in a public/private partnership with sports complex developer.
- Reviewing all sites in town, which could be feasible for a new facility with a state of the art 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.
- Maglaras Park has substantial space but highway access is not ideal.
- Reviewing all possibilities as to what could be built to best support the Dover area.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rick Mikulis. Motion was 2nd by Beth Fisher.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu