



**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, January 10, 2022  
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), Elizabeth Fischer (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Chair), Brian Murphy, Shayna Sylvia, Craig Bartle

**Absent:** Brandy Maas, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Jon-Erik Tryggestad (Alternate) excused, Shellie Lemelin (Alternate) excused, Melanie Burger excused, Dennis Shanahan (city council liaison) excused

### Approval of Minutes for Dec 13, 2021

Approved by Beth Fischer; Seconded by Brian Murphy

**Citizens Forum: None**

### Election of Officers:

Brian made a motion to retain existing officers. Beth seconded. Officers agreed and all were in favor for another term. Vote was unanimous

### Reports:

#### **Advisory Board:**

None.

#### **Recreation Director, Gary Bannon**

- Continuing to make the best of the pandemic situation with programs. All programs are running and city adopted the updated CDC Guidelines. Having some college student staff members home on break has helped maintain programs and facility schedules .
- Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation project was approved over a year ago. Plan to begin this coming fall & complete in the spring 2023. Project cost is approximately \$500,000.
- No update on proposed athletic complex. Gary submitted a report on what he believed the city redeveloped into indoor Pickle ball courts.
- Strategic Plan has been updated and submitted to Chris Parker for review. Chris will determine how this plan intersects with Master Plan & others.

### Old Business:

#### **Skate Park Update:**

- Working on the lighting plan which will need to be reviewed by the technical review committee along with drainage and parking.



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- Rotary Club is considering a donation for some type of structure such as a pavilion. Vote to approve to come soon.
- Urban tree completed the tree removal & pruning along Oak Street side.
- The site Designer visited the site and was pleased with progress. Advised it will be approximately three months to complete once they begin.

### **Olympian Recognition Signs Status:**

- The Dover 400<sup>th</sup> Committee is interested in partnering but not necessarily the lead. Beth received an initial quote for a design to construct a marker of approximately \$1,140. This is not installed cost.
- Beth will look at how to produce an information piece requesting public input on qualifying candidates. Maybe use a 60 day limit on response time.
- Can also discuss with Dover Main Street. Questions remain as to what type of monument/banner and where to site it.

### **Waterfront Park/Paddle Sports and Public Access Review:**

- Work continues to incorporate public space & boathouse into developers design. There will be more progress as meeting resumes in a few months. Steve Bird is now back to lead meetings.
- Current park design needs reconsideration for overall future waterfront activities.

### **Awards Program Status:**

- Awards program should continue but in a non-traditional way.
- Will proceed with nominations and review funding.
- Likely won't be the typical program brochure.

### **New Business:**

#### **Winter Sports Program Update:**

- Youth basketball is at approximately 90%. Arena and the Pool are busy. Working with new mask requirements for participants & fans. Adult leagues continuing. Krista & Rick running basketball programs.
- Sledding in ongoing at Garrison Hill & Shaw's Lane.

#### **Budget Development Update:**

- Budget has been submitted & had a standard 1-2% increase. Should hear back in about a month as it moves to the City Council and into public hearings.



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### **Capital Improvements Planning Input:**

- Working with a 6-year list of projects.
- Garrison Hill tower is a major renovation.
- Also indoor pool & potential purchase of solar panels on roof.
- Other items include McConnell center boiler
- All outside courts need resurfacing Horne Street School Park, & handicap accessibility improvements.

### **Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick Mikulis. Motion was 2nd by Shayna Sylvia.  
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be February 14<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted,  
David Beaulieu