



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, April 11, 2022
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:02pm

Roll Call

Present: Gary Bannon, Director of Recreation, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), Heather Twombly (Chair), Rick Mikulis (Vice Chair), Craig Bartle, Elizabeth Fischer (alternate), John O'Connor (alternate), Jon-Erik Tryggstad, Shayna Silvia, Shellie Lemelin (alternate)

Absent: David Beaulieu (Secretary), Melanie Burger, Brian Murphy, Alicia Rooney

Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2022

Shayna asked to amend the minutes, as they showed her as present, but she was not there. Motion to approve as amended by Dennis Shanahan. Seconded by John O'Connor. Approved by unanimous consent

Public Forum (no speakers)

Reports

Advisory Board

- Craig: a portion of the Community Trail is a swamp again near Whittier Street
- Rick: Gave update on Graffiti Management Committee

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Uptick in unhoused people traffic around parks and City facilities since the warming center closed
- Smooth installation of paddlesports dock 3/31, started at 8:00am and put everything in by noon
- Touching up parks in advance of more use starting up since it's Spring
- Red's Race in town this Saturday
- Dover pride cleanup day on Saturday May 14

Old Business

Skatepark Update

- Technical Review Committee meeting this Thursday
- Working a lot on lighting and cameras since the skatepark builder isn't responsible for that
- Planning Board meeting in mid-May
- Met with site contractor and builder last month
- Things should get going in late May and hopefully open in the end of July to early August, maybe mid-late August if things slip
- Decision points remain around the grand opening



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- Working with the Arts Commission on a graffiti wall in the vicinity

Olympian Recognition Status

- Ran ads with the Chamber of Commerce, Dover Main St, Dover 400, and on the Dover Download
- Seven individuals identified, with an open question about eligibility for one of the individuals
 1. Decision to err on the side of inclusion, as this would be Dover's only Paralympian
- Dover Main St will cover the cost of a plaque for a Faces of Dover recognition marker for our Olympians
- Special Olympics NH is compiling a list of their athletes
- Getting quotes on options for other signs too
- Getting biographical information for all the athletes
- Need help with writing blurbs for some of the athletes
 1. Dennis, Shelley, John, and Rick volunteered
 2. Melanie is already working on the website
- Setting the end of April as a deadline
- Location for the plaque? Perhaps Henry Law, the new facility at Maglaras, at the Waterfront development, or at the Jenny Thompson pool

Waterfront Park /Paddlesports and Public Facility Project

- Not much new information vs last month
- Some conversations behind the scenes about developing the pavilion
- New grant available through LWCF, with the LOI due at the end of April

Strategic Plan Update

- Upgraded vs last time to match new strategic initiatives
- Involves Advisory Committees
- Discussion on electronic payments & GIS

Dover Sports Complex Process Update

- RFI went out, five responses
- Rec Department not directly involved, as this process is more run by the citizens' committee



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New Business

Budget Presentation Review

- John & Rick came
- Presentation available online
- Can send testimony to the city council via email

Awards Program

- Moving on doing it next year but not this year with two years of eligibility for nominees

Spring Sports and Activities

- All sports now running at normal pre-COVID capacity
- Offering some new basketball clinics and other programs

Summer Programming

- Summer camp registration is open and sign-ups are underway
- 4th of July fireworks planning, will be at Maglaras and it will be a large display

Adjourn

Motion by John. Second by Shayna. Passes by unanimous consent

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Mikulis