



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 13, 2022
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: David Beaulieu (Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Craig Bartle, Melanie Burger, Brian Murphy, Shayna Sylvia, John O'Connor (alternate), Rick Mikulis (vice-chair), Shellie Lemelin (Alternate),

Absent: Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Chair), Dennis Shanahan (City Council liaison), Elizabeth Fischer (Alternate)

Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2021

Approved by Shayna Sylvia; Seconded by Melanie Burger

Citizens Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Shayna provide a brief update on the community trail. Drainage issue on certain section remains an issue & solar installation is proceeding.
- Working on phase IV by the Bellamy Disc Golf course.
- Arts Commission is reviewing for a potential sculpture off 4th Street.
- Graffiti Committee is working on the location of a graffiti wall at the new skate park. There is also a building off Folsom Street which is privately owned which could be utilized as another location for artwork along the Community Trail.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- June 30th is end of fiscal year. Challenging year as inflation has risen. There were some facilities challenges as well with a sprinkler system project at the Ice Arena that has added to costs in the budget.
- Staffing has been challenging. Some applicants fail to even show up to scheduled interviews.
- Spring programs are wrapping up. Generally, things went well. Shaw's Lane had a lot of activity & parking was a challenge. Solutions are being reviewed to alleviate the parking strain & create a secondary exit for when events conclude if possible.
- Long Hill Dog Park is due for a rehab. A shelter was slated to be constructed but inflationary pressure on materials has delayed that effort.
- Maglaras Park is also a consideration for a dog park closer to the downtown in the overall master plan for the site at some point.



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Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Still in the process to acquire necessary permits to satisfy TRC & Planning requirements. Review is centered around adjacent plans to the park such as accessibility & lighting.
- Approvals also subject to review of a needed detention pond and ADA compliance rules.
- Build contractor has been flexible & proposing to start in August now.

Olympian Recognition Status:

- Beth in conjunction with Councilman Shanahan continue to work on project. Project is approved by the City Council and in production to be installed in the early summer. We look to rollout the recognition with the Olympians as part of Dover's 400th celebration next year.
- Marker to be at Henry Law Park but there are additional options include having a plaque at City Hall & City entry points as well.

Dover Sports Complex Process Update:

- A lot has occurred since the initial presentation to the Rec Advisory Board. Three sports development companies have responded to the RFI & the City is reviewing to choose the top 2.
- The complex will be centered around an indoor pool facility with additional indoor/outdoor courts & fields.
- The developer believes there to be adequate space on the dredge cell for 600 parking spaces.

Gundalow and Henry Law Park Projects:

- The Rotary Club offered to assist with the necessary paint and/or fiberglass work.
- There are a few picnic shelters at Henry Law Park that could use some upkeep. Roofing needs to be replaced & overgrowth cut back.
- A few housekeeping items to be accomplished at the Rotary Pavilion before 2023 celebrations.
- Portable Toilets are always a challenge but thus far better than last year.

New Business:

Summer Programming Updates:

- Both Summer camps, Camp Cool & the Playgrounds Program at Horne Street are full. Online registration was successful.
- Jenny Thompson pool will host four swim meets this summer
- The Summer Music Theater program is being run at the middle school through and arrangement with the School Department.
- A Learn to Skateboard program is a future possibility.
- This was the first year for a spring Mens Basketball program
- The senior center has been busy & running regular trips



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Summer Meeting Schedule:

There will not be a Recreation Advisory Board meeting in August

Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Weston & Sampson Engineering will design the work but the city will manage the project internally. Waiting for a final report before going out to bid.
- Still hoping for a Fall 22 start & finish in the spring.
- Final report will determine if project can remain within the proposed budget.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Melanie Burger. Motion was 2nd by Brian Murphy.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be July 11

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu