



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

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: David Beaulieu (Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Craig Bartle, Brian Murphy, Shayna Sylvia, Rick Mikulis (Vice-Chair), Shellie Lemelin (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Chair), Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), Elizabeth Fischer (Alternate)

Absent: Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Melanie Burger, John O'Connor (Alternate)

Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2022

Approved by Shayna Sylvia; Seconded by Rick Mikulis

Citizens Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Shayna noted her term is up & she will not be renewing on the board. She will bring our discussion items from tonight's meeting to the Trail Committee.
- Craig noted his term is up & he will not be renewing on the board. He also spoke about the condition of the Community Trail which is currently dry, but incoming rain this week is a good opportunity to evaluate puddling areas.
- Brian noted he frequents the section between the Spaulding T.P. & Watson Road and the areas where gravel was used to fill are great but there's a few additional spots that could use filling.
- Rick noted the Graffiti Committee continues to review options for the proposed wall at the skate park. Brian commented that he had seen a similar graffiti wall incorporated to a skate park site in Buffalo and thought our placement at the new Dover skate park was a good idea.
- Beth noted the interview between Chris Parker and Gary Bannon was now available on Dover Download: (See attached link) <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh/episodes/Keeping-Dover-Moving-A-Conversation-with-Recreation-Director-Gary-Bannon-e1khqpc>

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Activities & Summer Camps have been running as planned. Had some good leadership at camps. Horne Street School will be installing an accessible pathway from school to playground. Hoping to complete work after camps have ended and before school begins. Should only be a 2-3-day project.
- Jenny Thompson Pool has been busy. One more scheduled meet to occur first week of August.
- Recent vandalism at Henry Law Park. A large group of teens climbed the cargo net together which cracked two posts. Repair will be required for replacement and upgrade of both posts so



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the net has been removed for the remainder of the summer. At some point in the future cameras will be necessary to overlook playground equipment as it's expensive.

- In the process of hiring a new Aquatics Supervisor. An experienced candidate recently relocated here from Colorado & has submitted an application.

Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Graffiti wall is in the design process. Considering what type of surface will work best; reviewing concrete versus metal. Was advised to install the wall far enough from the skating surfaces so the wall does not get utilized by boarders. Timing of the installation is too far out to predict as estimates are pending based on design. The Art Commission will review as well.
- Tri-Tech Engineering completed required plan set for planning review. Hoping all is satisfactory at end of July meeting. Plans were submitted last week.
- Build contractor is proposing to start in August pending final approval and hope to finish in October.
- Some equipment has been ordered. Also reviewing how to install accessibility pathway to Portland Avenue sidewalk.

Olympian Recognition Status:

- Beth presented 2 poster board renditions of new marker (one black & white, and one sepia-toned). Majority voted to proceed with sepia.
- Marker still needs to go to production.

Dover Sports Complex Process Update:

- The complex is centered by a new pool facility with additional indoor courts & turf area. Developers feel the city is strategically placed & well suited for this type of facility.
- Gary incorporated the proposed complex into a conversation with the State LWCF representatives as to how things would need to proceed and not violate the LWCF provisions for Maglaras Park.
- If the complex is constructed, the existing indoor pool would be decommissioned and the site repurposed.
- The site will be challenging from a traffic perspective. The primary access will be from Washington Street, however Brian noted apps such as Google Maps or Waze would likely route drivers differently based on easiest route. Brian was asked to join a new committee that is specific to the site development.
- Alternate locations for the project are still entertained however this site is ideal given the city currently owns the land.



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Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Weston & Sampson Engineering will provide the design, but the city will manage the project.
- Things are moving slowly and hoping to go out to bid soon.
- Still hoping for a Fall 22 start & finish in the spring.
- Final report will determine if project can remain within the proposed budget.

New Business:

Fourth of July Review:

- Perfect weather and all went well at the fireworks display. The downtown was very busy. Band started slightly early & played from 7-9:15.
- Staff at entrances to Maglaras Park was helpful to keep people away from the Atlas working area.

Dover 400th Programs:

- Next July 2nd the 400th committee is planning a parade for fourth celebration. Fireworks may be shot from both Maglaras Park and Garrison Hill Park.

Waterfront Project Updates and Community Pavilion Status:

- Applying for \$500,000 grant from Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). These funds could be used to amend the design to the proposed new building.
- Permits have been received and funds could be used retroactively if construction begins before grant is received.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Craig Bartle. Motion was 2nd by Brian Murphy.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be Sept 12

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu