



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 12, 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), Shellie Lemelin (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Chair), Dennis Shanahan (City Council liaison), Melanie Burger

Absent: Alicia Rooney (Alternate), John O'Connor (alternate), Brian Murphy, Elizabeth Fischer (Alternate)

Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2022

Approved by Melanie Burger; Seconded by Rick Mikulis

Citizens Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Rick noted the Graffiti Committee is holding a Garrison Tower clean-up this Sunday. General discussion regarding possibly making this a regular occurrence. There are currently no cameras or lighting on the hill. Some areas of the community trail could use a clean-up effort. Maybe clubs or students needing community hours could assist.
- General discussion regarding a proposal to do artwork inside the Silver Street tunnel. Gary mentioned a nationally recognized artist is proposing an art wall in the tunnel section at Henry Law Park.
- Heather asked if the city had ever considered renting bicycles similar to other cities.
 - A: The idea has discussed in the past but no plan was put in place.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon:

- Apple Harvest Day is October 1 & the Recreation Department will have a booth.
- Working on brick orders for Veterans Park. The plan is to have the bricks installed by Veterans Day.
- CIP Budget date moved up. Will be getting to city council by the end of this month. Historically the budget is not approved until November.
- Senior Center programming is running strong with more trips underway and planned for the next year.



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Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Planning board completed review at end of July meeting.
- Site contractor was tied up on another project & could not return until mid to late September which would not enable the Skatepark contractor enough time to complete the project until late November or into December.
- A decision was made to push the project to a spring 2023 start to avoid concerns related to cold weather installation & potential cost overruns.

Olympian Recognition Status:

- Pedestal is in place.
- Hoping to complete the installation before Apple Harvest Day

Dover Sports Complex Process Update:

- The Dover Sports Complex committee put out an RFP to the two leading companies. The bidders responded with some additional questions regarding data specifying the sports needs in this area. They were asking for independent data to verify the city's findings.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Weston & Sampson Engineering provided a report detailing site recommendations. They suggested far more work than our original expectations which could increase project cost significantly.
- Project is now pending further review.

New Business:

Dover 400th Programs:

- Committee is working to utilize the budget with events spanning 2023.
- They will negotiate directly with Atlas Fireworks for the July 4th enhanced display.

Waterfront Project Updates and Community Pavilion Status:

- Some site work underway now.
- Paddle sports organizations continue discussions to find a new space.
- Potential grant will help redesign and build the proposed pavilion.
- Paddle sport dock will need to be stored in a different location this year to avoid construction area.



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Fall Program Updates:

- New Junior High and High School Basketball program
- Fitness Center back to normal capacity
- High demand for swim lessons
- Foster side ice sheet going in next week

Community Trail Work:

- The wet area on the trail has been addressed

Budget Schedule Changes:

- The budget process has been moved up. The timing of the city budget and contractual rules for teacher's agreements did not match. Hopefully this shift will aid the process.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Melanie Burger. Motion was 2nd by David Beaulieu.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be October 10

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu