



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, October 10, 2022
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

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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), Melanie Burger, John O'Connor (Alternate), Brian Murphy, Elizabeth Fischer

Absent: Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison)

Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2022

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by Melanie Burger

Citizens Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- There was a recent bear & cub sighting at the Willand Pond Rec Trail.
- Community Trail still has a few areas where water is ponding.
- Graffiti Committee completed a cleaning at Garrison Hill Tower. Future security camera installation is being considered. Cost is a concern
- Beth thanked the Olympian Committee members
- The appropriate contact for Hilton Park questions is NH State Turnpikes

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- City is hosting the crew of the USS Greeneville. The submarine has been at the PNS for about a year with another year to go. City is always looking for ways to help the crew make local connections. Considering a potential holiday party.
- Efforts of the 400th Committee becoming more visible as the city prepares to kick-off 2023. The initial event is termed '*first of the 400th*' for a New Year Eve Celebration which will have fireworks. There will also be a regatta this summer hosting Merrimack sailboats & the Gundalow will be on-site.
- The walkway tunnel at Henry Law Park has been repainted by Northeast Color with an adhered mural on the walls.
- The company supplying the new engraved bricks for Veteran's Park is based out of Naples Florida. Damage from Hurricane Ian may delay the expected shipment & installation prior to Veteran's Day may not occur.



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- The Paddlesport dock will be removed November 9th & stored behind the River Street pump station.
- Voting for Ward 2 will be at the ice arena. The rink will be closed for the day.
- The dehumidifier outside the indoor pool was damaged by transient residents who made camp within the fenced area. A new more secure fence has been installed.
- Repairing of the damaged cargo-net climber in the playground and support pole should take place soon.
- We are working on a project to light the whale tail on the indoor pool roof with support of a donor.

Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Working to coordinate for the return of the site contractor to do as much work as possible this fall.
- The project was pushed till spring of 2023 to avoid concerns related to cold weather installation & potential cost overruns. The delay will benefit the budget cycle as some costs will now hit next year. This could possibly allow for security camera installation during phase I of construction.
- Details for a new graffiti wall at the site are still being worked through.
- The contractors bid will stand even with the delay.

Dover Sports Complex Process Update:

- The Dover Sports Complex committee put out an RFP to the two leading companies.
- The bidders are asking for independent data to verify the city's findings.
- The Deputy City Manager coordinated a bus tour to their 2 existing facilities.
- A feasibility study is planned and there's easily another year of planning.
- John noted the slower pace may be a benefit to allow time for sufficient studies.
- Brian commented that may include how indoor turf fields are doing in surrounding towns as they may not be as in-demand as previous years.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Project currently under review to determine depth of necessary work. Weston & Sampson Engineering provided a report detailing site recommendations. They identified more work than the original expectations, which would increase project cost significantly.
- The pool generates approximately ½ operating revenue from rental fees.



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Waterfront Project Update and Community Pavilion Status:

- The Park Advisory Committees are reviewing design of the proposed pavilion facility. Recommendation for existing rowing organizations is to review the overall development site for a free-standing building.
- Riverfront stabilization will be the first part of the park site-work. That work can only happen during certain months to avoid interruption of the fish migration cycle. Work may commence in the January timeframe.

New Business:

- Fall and Winter Programs:
- Fall Youth Basketball program will kick off
- Fitness Center back to full capacity
- High demand for swim lessons and lifeguard training
- Senior Center programming going well

Budget Process Update:

- Budget numbers due by month end. Council will review in Dec/Jan and vote on final budget in March.

Artwork in Henry Law Park Tunnel:

- Work completed by Northeast Color.
- Added color helps brighten up the space.
- Possible lighting changes being considered.

Apple Harvest Day Review:

- The crew of the Greenville had a tent selling Navy gear.
- Overall great turnout given the weather held off.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick Mikulis. Motion was 2nd by Melanie Burger. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be November 14

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu