



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, November 14, 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, Brian Murphy, Elizabeth Fischer, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Heather Twombly (Chair), Melanie Burger, John O'Connor

Approval of Minutes for October 10, 2022

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by Dennis Shanahan

Citizens Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Graffiti Committee putting some designs together for the proposed wall at the skate park.
- Beth noted WMUR will run a segment on the Olympian Marker. There has been some nice feedback on social media & Dover Download.
- Beth is inquiring about upgrading the boat ramp at Hilton Park. Several entities are involved including Turnpikes, DOT, and Fish & Game. Tom Hindle was able to provide some historical photos of how the old dock used to look.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- A Veteran's Day ceremony was held Friday, Nov. 11th at Veteran's Park.
- Landscaping at Veteran's Park were overgrown & have been pruned.
- Gary created a letter to NH Department of Natural & Cultural Resources from the Recreation Advisory Board in support of a grant application for the waterfront park resources building. The motion to accept was approved by Beth and seconded by Shelly.
- Reviewing plans for handicap access walkway to Guppy Park. Applying for a funding grant this week.
- Staffing continues to be a challenge. Lifeguards at the pool are a challenge to find. Competing with other local facilities.

Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Site contractor still planning to do as much work as possible this fall.
- Waiting on the engineering firm to finish design so the contractor has appropriate grades.
- Lighting conduit can hopefully be installed this fall as well as the pavilion foundation.
- The Skate Park contractor expected to begin next spring/early summer.



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Dover Sports Complex Process Update:

- Ernie & Tim recently provided an update to the City Council.
- Project feasibility study progressing.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Reviewing budget to prioritize repairs.
- Anticipated schedule is to begin next fall 2023 and finish spring 2024.
- Project will include a new liner & gutter.
- Additional recommended work would be phased in over time.

Waterfront Project Update and Community Pavilion Status:

- Shoreline stabilization will be the first part of the park site-work and spread over 2 years to avoid disruption of the fish migration cycle. Initial bid request had no responses so a new request to go out in the January timeframe.
- Paddle sport dock was removed for the season.
- The Park advisory committees reviewed design of the proposed pavilion facility. They also identified a site for the existing rowing organizations is to locate a free-standing building.

New Business:

Winter Program Update:

- Winter Men's & Youth Basketball program have begun
- Fitness Center classes filling up
- Arena programs underway

Budget Process Update:

- Budget estimate running a month ahead this year.
- Council will review in Dec/Jan and vote on final budget for April approval.

Artwork in Henry Law Park Tunnel & Park Lights:

- Northeast Color completed work in the tunnel consisting of paintwork & adhered art. Reviewing quotes to add strip style lighting.
- Whale's tail and mural will eventually be illuminated as well.

Christmas Tree Lighting Program Plans:

- A family residence on 4th street donated a Christmas tree.
- The tree lighting ceremony will be held Friday December 2nd at 6pm.



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Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Brian Murphy. Motion was 2nd by David Beaulieu.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be December 12

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu