



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, December 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, Brian Murphy, Elizabeth Fischer, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison) Heather Twombly (Chair), John O'Connor

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Melanie Burger

Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2022

Approved by Rick Mikulis; Seconded by Brian Murphy

Citizens Forum:

Ernie Clark in attendance

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Beth provided a brief update on the boat ramp at Hilton Park. Senator David Waters was to meet with Fish & Game as well as NH Turnpikes to discuss possible improvements. Tom Hindle provided historical photos of how the dock used to look.
- Beth spoke to Sara Holmes, State Director for Senator Jeanne Shaheen.
- Brief discussion about graffiti at the Garrison Hill Tower.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- City typically purchases uniforms seasonally. Having trouble keeping a consistent vendor. Typical process is to go out to bid for each order. Going to discuss our ability to use a local company to maintain consistency. To be discussed with City Purchasing.
- Leagues are starting & participants who need a uniform will have to wait for the order to arrive.
- Tickets are available for the Dover 400th New Year's Celebration.
- Northeast Color completed work in the tunnel. Reviewing quotes to add tunnel lighting and accent lighting to the whale's tail and mural.

Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Site contractor has completed the work for this fall.
- Will return in the spring to install drainage.
- The Skate Park contractor expected to begin in the spring/early summer.
- Goal is to complete infrastructure work prior to park contractor beginning so park can open as quickly as possible next year.



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Dover Sports Complex Process Update:

- Ernie Clark attended the meeting to provide an update. The City Manager is approved to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with either of the two contractors or both of them that were selected for bidding. All options for how the site will be developed, owned, & operated are still to be determined. The proposed pool being considered will likely be a 50-meter length to provide the best overall opportunities. The current indoor pools is 25-yards.
- Other parts of the complex will include indoor multi-purpose fields & courts.
- Feasibility studies need to be updated as well as traffic studies to finalize ultimately the best location for the complex.
- If Maglaras Park is eventually not the chosen site for the complex, it will open a new discussion as to how to better the existing fields that are in need of repair.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- On-hold pending cost review.
- Anticipated schedule to begin fall 2023 and finish spring 2024.
- Project will include a new liner & gutter and be completed in 2 phases.

Waterfront Project Update and Community Pavilion Status:

- Initial bid request for the site work had no responses due to timeline of the project. A new bid request to go out in January. There are four pre-qualified vendors & the project will be awarded in the spring.
- The park advisory committee is applying for a \$500,000 LWCF Federal grant to aid the design of the pavilion facility. If received, this will be in addition to the current funds.
- Bids for Architectural Services for design of the park building were received and are being evaluated.

New Business:

Winter Program Update:

- Programs are up & running: Winter Basketball, Arena, Pickleball, etc.
- Finding some kids are athletically behind due to lack of activity/growth during pandemic.
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Christmas Tree Lighting Program Review:

- Christmas tree is up & the ceremony on Dec 2nd was well attended.
- The Woodman School PTO has provided refreshments like hot chocolate in the past. Ideas were passed about a different group bringing that option back.

Budget Status:



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- Finance Department and City Manager are currently reviewing submittals to finalize the budget by spring.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John O'Connor. Motion was 2nd by Brian Murphy.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be January 9

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu