



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, January 09, 2023
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, Melanie Burger

Absent: Alicia Rooney

Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2022

Approved by Rick Mikulis; Seconded by Shellie Lemelin

Public Forum:

None

Election of Officers:

John O'Conner made a motion to reelect existing officers if current selections were willing to stay on. Rick Mikulis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Brian noted there was a tree leaning on the community trail by Watson Road, & that dog waste bags were being left by the entrance to the trail. There was additional conversation regarding how to manage the dog waste issue which has been addressed in several different ways historically. Gary will forward the concern to the Community Trails Committee for discussion.
- Beth provided an update on the boat ramp at Hilton Park. Senator David Waters is submitting a bill for ramp and/or wharf improvements. NH Turnpikes has discussed the upgrades with Fish & Game.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- The Planning Department is coordinating a meeting of all City Boards that are involved with Land Use Tues, Jan 10. Three representatives from each committee will attend.
- Gary attended a Recreation & Parks conference. A seminar of interest was titled *Experience Famine* which described the incoming professionals who grew-up in the technology age who lack outdoor skills. It highlights the importance of municipal recreation programs to help kids get out into nature.
- Reds Road Race is scheduled for Saturday April 15th at 10am
- City had a few issues during the Dec storm including downed trees and a minor power outage at the ice arena.



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Old Business:

Skate Park Project Update:

- Site contractor has gotten ahead of the electric utility & sidewalk work in anticipation of the skate park contractor returning in spring/early summer.
- Goal is to complete infrastructure work prior to park contractor beginning so park can open as quickly as possible next year.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Engineering firm did a presentation on scope of work required.
- City will do as much as they can beginning this fall 2023 and finish spring 2024.
- Initial project will include a new liner & gutter.
- Will begin budgeting for second phase of work which will be a few years out.

Community Pavilion Design Status:

- Four bidders engaged in the design proposal.
- The plan is to maximize the footprint allowable within the existing permit.
- City Council will vote to approve the architect.
- Grant application was submitted and the State confirmed receipt on-time. They informed us the funds are available

New Business:

December Storm Damages:

- Several trees came down amongst the city parks. One damaged the fence at the dog park but overall the city was lightly impacted.

Budget Process Update:

- At the meeting last week the budget was reviewed line by line.
- The City Manager is currently reviewing.
- The special revenue fund is doing well again now that post-covid attendance to pay-to-play events has increased.

Dover 400th Event Review and Plans:

- Fireworks went well but fog rolled in 20 minutes prior which hampered visibility.
- The 4th of July festivities will be the major event with speakers, concerts, etc.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Melanie Burger. Motion was 2nd by Brian Murphy.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.



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Next Meeting will be February 13

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu