



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, May 08, 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), Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), Heather Twombly (Chair), Melanie Burger, Shellie Lemelin

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Brian Murphy, John O'Connor

Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2023

Approved by Melanie Burger; Seconded by David Beaulieu

Public Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Rick noted the Graffiti Committee has finalized a list of 13 recommendations to present to the council. Also, Rick attended the unveiling of the new solar system display on the community trail. Heather also commented.
- Heather noted the sharps box was vandalized at the train station entrance to the community trail. A new box is on order.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- The general contractor currently working on city projects is quoting the proposed skate park graffiti wall. Additional funding will come through the arts commission to help build additional walls proposed for Garrison Hill Park, Park Street Park, and along the community trail.
- Working on a schedule for HVAC improvements/replacements at many facilities & funded through CIP Budget.
- Working with the same general contractor on other park projects such as the band shell upgrades in advance of a shade sail installation, new roofs for the Henry Law picnic shelters.

Old Business:

Skate Park Project Update:

- The skate park contractor will begin as soon as they become available this spring.
- Currently reviewing electric options to serve the new lighting. May connect to an existing service on-site or install a dedicated feed to the park.
- A grand opening ceremony is being discussed.
- Also, any reusable equipment from the old park may be sold or donated to interested parties.



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Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- Weston & Sampson Engineering reviewing options for a phased approach to the improvements.
- City is applying for a funding grant.

Community Pavilion Design & Park Status:

- CJ Architects shared a revised plan.
- New plan moving to review by advisory board.
- Working within the rules of the State \$500,000 grant which disallows the space to be deemed a 'meeting room'.

Dover 400th Updates:

- Schedule is available on the website.
- A larger celebration & activities is slated for the week of June 24th through the Fourth of July.

Budget Update:

- The budget is adopted and moving forward.
- Necessary adjustments made to stay on target.

New Business:

Waterfront Use Access:

- Contractor to begin work late June or early July.
- Ongoing discussions how to maintain community access to the dock while allowing the contractor to begin.
- Will need to find a creative solution for the next few years while the site sees heaving construction activity.

Spring Projects and Events:

- Reviewing opportunities to complete smaller projects.
- The Long Hill Park needs several items reviewed for improvement including the tennis court, dog park area and fencing. The stone sand bedding at the dog enclosure needs to be refreshed. Eventually the overall design of the park may require a bigger overhaul to add more parking.

Summer Programs and Staffing:

- Summer programs and camps filled up very quickly with online registration. Some within 15-minutes. Other municipalities indicated they experienced similar demand. Adding additional programs is difficult as staffing is an issue.
- There is still an opening for a summer intern.



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Next Meeting will be June 12th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu