



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, July 10, 2023
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), Heather Twombly (Chair), Brian Murphy, John O'Connor,

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Melanie Burger, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), Shellie Lemelin

Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2023

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by Rick Mikulis

Public Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Heather noted there was an issue on the community trail posted to social media, and that the Dover 400th parade went well despite the rain.
- Brian mentioned there were a few trees down on the community trail on the Watson Road side, and the fresh paint at the arena looks great.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- So far so good with summer programs and the weather. Programs are at full capacity and going well.
- Dedication of the Olympian plaque was held inside the conference room at the indoor pool. Each Athletes biography was read. There was a brief history of prior recognitions. Beth's leadership was instrumental to complete this new plaque.
- Eversource is completing a project at Horne Street School so that program is moving to Garrison for the week during construction.
- Fireworks went well & were mostly visible even with the overcast sky. The downtown and Henry Law Park were very busy and the band played in coordination with the show.
- Graffiti wall was estimated at \$2,143 and funding is being sourced.

Old Business:

Skate Park Project Update:

- The skate park work is under way and site fenced in.
- Slow work ongoing for grading and elevations.
- Concrete pouring anticipated to begin by August.



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- New lighting system is installed and programmable control center is at the pool office.
- A few security cameras will be part of the finished electronics.
- A dedication ceremony is expected sometime in September.
- The old half-pipe from the soon to be retired park was sold.
- A few memorial plaques will be incorporated into the new park including the existing bench at the current site.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project and Access:

- Pool is up and running after making the necessary spring repairs.
- Options still being considered for best cost effective phased approach to the necessary long term improvements.
- City is looking to add dollars to the CIP and also applying for a funding grant.
- Reviewing when funding will be available and how a phased approach to upgrades can be completed without closing the pool during normal operating months.

Community Pavilion Design & Park Status:

- CJ Architects currently revising the building design.
- Once design is received, we can determine if the proposed building can be completed within budget.
- The structure will be mostly open walled with bathrooms.
- Design had to work within the rules of the State \$500,000 grant which disallows the space to be deemed a 'meeting room'.

Dover 400th Updates:

- Recent celebration activities included a boat parade and block party.
- The next event will be when the Governor and Executive Council have their bi monthly business meeting in Dover at Henry Law Park on Wednesday July 19th.
- Plans are proceeding toward Apple Harvest Day as the next event to highlight the 400th.

Waterfront Use Access Update:

- The contractor has begun work at the site.
- Great Bay Rowing has relocated from the Butler Building to the rivers edge and will have alternate access to the dock.
- A new solution for dock access is being discussed, but beginning in September dock access will be unavailable for the foreseeable future.
- If there is no solution to access the site, the dock may be removed early this season.



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Summer Program Status:

- Attendance numbers are strong.
- Almost all camp counselors are now certified swim instructors.
- No kids who requested lessons were turned away.

New Business:

Guppy Park Pavilion:

- The 40-yr old picnic shelter was deteriorated beyond repair and has been removed.

Budget:

- End of the fiscal year was June 30th. Arena finished the year in the black, & the pool revenue was strong.

Adjourn:

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

There will be no meeting in August

Next Meeting will be September 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu