

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, October 09, 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, Shellie Lemelin

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Melanie Burger, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), John O'Connor, Shawn Mickelonis

Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2023

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by Rick Mikulis

Public Forum:

None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

None

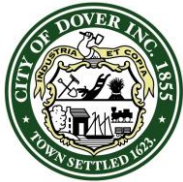
Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Apple Harvest Day went well & the weather held off for the most part.
- New Fall/Winter programs rolling out. Online sign-ups had a technological glitch with Rectrac.
- Working on staffing levels.
- Paddle Sport dock was removed early and is now stored offsite until spring 2025.
- City Budget workshops and approvals ongoing.

Old Business:

Skate Park Project Update and Ribbon Cutting:

- The skate park opened upon completion.
- A dedication ceremony & ribbon cutting is scheduled for Saturday October 21st.
- The new lighting is working well. A lightning strike damaged the controller so the timer is currently offline. Once repaired, the park will be open 7am-9:30pm and the lighting will dim for the rest of the night.
- The riders and neighboring homes have been complementary of the park design.
- A few memorial plaques were incorporated into the new park including an existing bench relocated from the old site.
- The Graffiti wall and Rotary Pavilion are planned to be installed soon.



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- The Portsmouth Skate Park should be complete by the end of November which will help spread out some of the use in the area so it is not as congested.

Jenny Thompson Pool Project:

- Options being considered for best cost-effective phased approach to the necessary long-term improvements.
- City 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.
- By the time scope is finalized and the bidding process complete, repairs will run into 2025.

Community Pavilion Design & Status:

- CJ Architects presented the final design which is being reviewed.
- Options being considered how the proposed building can be completed within budget.
- The structure will be mostly open walled with bathrooms.
- Looking at how the space and waterfront area will be most functional for events and activities to incorporate into overall site design.

New Business:

Fall Programs:

- Lots of activity and trips at the senior center.
- Already looking ahead to the Christmas tree lighting.

CIP Project Submittals:

- Fourteen projects were submitted based on priority; Parks, Arena upgrades, etc.
- Rotary Club agreed to assist with funding to the Rotary Arts Pavilion improvements.
- Stormwater runoff system needs repairs at Henry Law Park. Will require significant excavation in the park.

Staff Changes:

- Pat McNulty is retiring from Arena Management. Applications for a new candidate have been received.
- Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation) will be leaving after 21 years to accept a new position to manage the new pickleball facility in Rye. She will stay-on in Dover part-time to help with programming this winter.



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Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Brian Murphy. Motion was seconded by Rick Mikulis. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be November 13th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu