

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 11, 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), Heather Twombly (Chair), Rick Mikulis (Vice-Chair), Shellie Lemelin, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), John O'Connor

Absent: Alicia Rooney, Shawn Mickelonis, Brian Murphy

Approval of Minutes for November 13, 2023

Approved by Rick Mikulis; Seconded by Shelly Lemelin

Public Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board: None

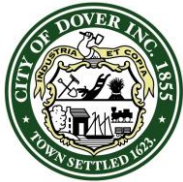
Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Annual Tree Lighting went well with a good turnout. Urban Tree Service craned in the new tree. Santa has retired & was missed.
- Krista's final day as a full-time employee is Friday 12/15. She will stay on during weekends as a part-time coordinator. Rick Conway is the new Asst-Director.
- Final project at the Skate Park is the Rotary Pavilion. Council to vote on pouring the concrete slab.
- The Senior Center's fall excursions are wrapping up heading into the winter pause.

Old Business:

Skate Park Update:

- Community has been supportive with overall positive feedback.
- A few trash cans have been added to the site & are being worked into the Waste Management pick-up schedule.
- The Rotary donated Picnic Pavilion is awaiting the concrete slab to be poured before framing can begin.
- A few brooms and squeegee were added to the site for skaters use.
- The lighting system repair was more problematic than originally estimated requiring more replacement parts. Currently a work in progress as troubleshooting & repairs continue. The lights are working on photo eye to go on and off.



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Jenny Thompson Pool Project Update:

- \$2.5M initial cost with funding through the CIP (\$500K of which is a grant). Longer term funding will be phased over a few years.
- Ongoing discussion for total project scope and how upgrades can be completed with minimal loss to pool use during operating season.
- Repairs, which include the decking, plumbing, and gutter system will run into 2025.

Staffing Update:

- Mike Young has been hired as the full time Recreation Program Supervisor.
- Chris Hitchcock is the new Arena Manager.
- Part-time positions still in hiring mode.

CIP Projects:

- Jenny Thompson Pool is the largest project. A full analysis is ongoing to compile the overall list of needed work. Building the capital reserve fund in different areas.

New Business:

CIP Approval Process and FY25 Budget Development:

- Public hearings were occurring last week.
- One item under consideration is the football field artificial turf, bleachers, track & lighting. Need a greater understanding of scope and cost.
- Also, the indoor pool lighting. Lights and controller are due for replacement as the elevated humidity of the pool environment limits lifespan. Cost is approximately \$30k.
- Expenses and Revenues for budget review will be submitted this month. Budget will be submitted soon with workshops into March.

2024 Vision Discussion:

- Areas of interest are Waterfront Park & if the Seacoast Rowing can raise funds for a new facility.
- Other ideas & areas for improvements are accepted as part of the future 'Vision' discussion.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by David Beaulieu. Motion was seconded by John O'Connor. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be January 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu



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