



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Senior Center Activity Room
Meeting Date: Monday, May 09, 2016
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Call to Order: Peg Purcell - 7:05pm

Roll Call: Peg Purcell, Ken Wolfe, Martha Haley, Gary Bannon, Krista Trefethen, Stanley Kaubris, John O'Connor

Approval of Minutes:

Not until June meeting – none available for May at this time.

Citizens Forum: None

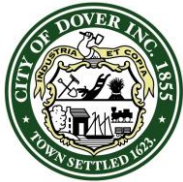
Reports:

Advisory board:

Ken – Overlook has a lot of weeds, old wood chips. Needs some attention. Because it's not a main public park, farther down the list. Applevale looked ok. Horne looked good. Gary mentioned that Applevale may change depending on the development from the Thornwood area on the other side.

- Peg – Willand Pond – there are some people on Sunday afternoons that picked up two big trash bags and brought them to the Dog Park for pick up. Longhill Park – the guts from the water fountain are missing. That park is always used – basketball, tennis, play area, dog park. New “No Dog” Sign is up on the tennis court. WPS – lot of litter around the ball field.
- Stan – Gave Gary his reports. Everything looked relatively good. Skate Park had some litter and brush around the edges. One of the Applevale neighbors expressed his concern re: Thornwood development.
- Peg – now that the Gazebo is done – what are the plans for Longhill Park? Gary has to coordinate with the CS dept. and the school to get it out there and what foundation it needs. Trying to also choreograph with the fence repair and grading the park, etc... Location for placement was discussed. Peg believes up to 100 dogs a day use the park.
- Ken asked who picks up trash at the parks – Pinard is responsible for trash pick-up.
- Gary: Dover Clean-up day was last Saturday – well attended, cleaning up, weeding, mulching, etc... Hit almost all the downtown properties. Hoping to get some of the neighborhoods to participate and work on neighborhood parks. Dover Main Street is the lead – hoping to grow & evolve the projects.

Henry Law – Liberty Mutual also has a serve with Liberty project – usually it's after Dover Clean-up day, but this year it was the day before. Dave Flanagan, F&G Foreman, ended up using them to help clean up the cemetery – they did a tremendous amount of work to get the cemetery ready to be mowed.



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- Krista:
 1. Fields all opened up – Dover Baseball had opening day at Dunaway, DYSL had their opening day last Saturday. Lax & Soccer are also playing.
 2. Track – Granite State Track & field starts this week – regional meet is June 18th
 3. Summer Camp – prep
 4. Pickleball
 5. Senior center is busy with travel, fitness activities.

Old Business:

Henry Law Park:

Into the finish-looking sidewalk work. Started laying down the pavers to see how it looked. Land Care got the bid for the pavers. Waiting for pieces to arrive – probably another 4-6 weeks. Some pieces are in storage. PW crews have been out doing other projects while this is on hold. They'll be back whenever we need them back. Trying to do as much as possible with in-house crew. Gary talked about some natural elements of white oak logs – stump walks, climbing features, boundaries. Gundalow should be moved early June. Goal to wrap up by mid/late July. Trying to do a grand opening between July 4 & NNO in early-August.

Waterfront:

Moving forward with architect with several conceptual plans. The park is more fluid in design than the developmental piece. Main part – deciding where the paddle-dock goes. They picked a spot that looks good on the plan, but on-site is challenging and would be more costly and less efficient and would be difficult to get permitted. Gary will speak at the next CWDAC meeting to explain the challenges. Next meeting is May 17th.

New Business:

Budget finalization: Budget passed last week. Some minor changes to the McConnell Center budget. They were trying to bring in money from the GF to cover the debt. Council ended up taking \$50K out of the GF budget expenses for that line item. Everything else went through for our department. Will start neighborhood meetings with Amanda Howard, but not the actual construction until HLP is done. Hopefully for next spring to have a plan for Amanda Howard.

Summer events:

- Fourth of July – has raised the \$10K for the fireworks \$5K Liberty Mutual, \$2,500 DF Richard, \$2,000 Convenient MD, \$500 Rotary, Atlas has promised \$15K show for \$10K due to last year's issues. Entertainment is the 39th Army band. Working on vendors, etc...
- Summer Camps – working with AD, coaches, boosters to facilitate registering and helping with their camps as we are better set up to run them. Theater camps are full – Jeff Leaf runs the



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camp. They are held in the City Hall Auditorium. Scholarship requests – funded through a hardship account in the GF.

- Park Parking – need to come up with an answer before next winter.

Motion to Adjourn:

8:10pm – Stan Kaubris

Second – Martha Haley

Submitted by Krista Trefethen