

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, August 8, 2016
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Call to Order: Peg Purcell - 7:00pm

Roll Call: Peg Purcell, Ken Wolfe, Gary Bannon, Krista Trefethen, John O'Connor, Dave Beaulieu, Cindy Imbro, Stan Kaubis, Aaron Wozmak (arrived 7:08pm)

Absent: Mara Allaire, Martha Haley, David Hurlburt, Krista Morris

Approval of Minutes:

April:

Peg- correction rotten picnic table, not board

Move to approve- Ken

Second – Stan

All approve

June:

Move to approve – Stan

Second – Ken

All approve

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory board:

Peg asked Cindy to introduce herself – went through Chamber's leadership committee, always interested in local government, good way to get feet wet was local advisory board. In Mortgage business so didn't want to do Planning Board, so chose recreation.

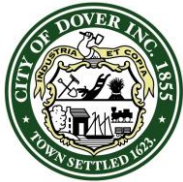
Aaron – worked in Dover for 10 years, bought house a year ago in Dover. Wanted to get involved

Stan – visited Maglaras – park is fine, sign needs to be fixed. Originally put up by City, then was maintained by what was Southside Little League. When they sold the property, sign did not get put back up, just for DYSL. Working on whole citywide park signage project.

Stan – skatepark is fine – litter, but probably with as much use as it gets, as well kept as it can be.

Stan – Immigrants park – in good shape. Water fountain? Gary said hasn't worked in a long time.

John – went by Park street, still an issue with trash building up. Gary confirmed it's on the schedule to be picked up Mondays & Fridays. John will check again. Gary also thinks there is residential dumping going on. Side effects of popular parks.



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Dave – Willand Pond – issues with trash. Somebody had a bonfire, beer cans everywhere. Gary said based on Peg’s description of the location, it was on the Somersworth side.

Ken – Overlook – weeds have been cleaned up and new wood chips. Needs some attention. Horne looks fine, Applevale was good, a limb was down but was cleaned up. Mentioned signage at all parks

Peg- Bellamy – thumbs up to the Disc golf people, no litter, they do a good job self-policing, good use of the park.

Peg – Fish Ladder park – milkweed growing in the gardens, falling apart, too bad it is in the center of town. Gary has talked to Doug Steele about it – so many overlapping issues makes it challenging.

Peg – Longhill – Cricket people doing a wonderful job. No dog poop in the dog park at 6:30am this morning.

Gary – checked with new person that entered- works with Strafford regional planning commission, just moved to Dover, just wants to listen in. Was welcomed by the group.

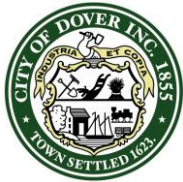
Gary – Skatepark – will talk more with the waterfront, but has been kept up much better in the last year/year and a half

Gary – new development off Route 9 towards Barrington, a phase II of Emerald Woods, another 49 home subdivision. Design for “tot lot”, fairly small lot on the corner near one of the houses. That needs to be done before they get their first “CO”. Won’t be very large. Not enough space. Deeded to the city, same as Overlook, etc..

Gary – Fourth of July – huge crowd, went very well from Gary’s perspective. Packed, vendors, Entertainment (39th Army band), at least 5-6K in the park itself, then people all over downtown area. By 8:45pm, there was literally no more room to walk down Henry Law Avenue. Fireworks company (Atlas) offered a bigger show (\$15K for \$10K) – Gary thought it came out as well as it could. Some negative press, but 95% seemed to really enjoy it. If you were too close to HL/River Street corner you couldn’t see it as well. Vendors did outstanding. Cindy asked why no longer at Dover High. Gary said smaller crowd, can’t see from anywhere but there, however the logjam of people and needed a minimum of 12 officers to direct traffic, very expensive to host there and difficult to staff. Moved to Garrison Hill at one point due to HS construction. Seemed good, but no one was together. Garrison Hill ended up with issues with debris falling from FW in people’s yards, etc.. Then coordinated it with Chamber & Cocheco Arts Festival.

Gary – City irrigation systems have been shut off due to water shortage.

Gary – need to increase parking at Longhill; Peg says it’s been fine, Cindy lives on Longhill & has for 18 years and has not noticed an issue.



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Krista:

Summer camp – last week for PG, next week is last week for Camp Kool. PG added field trips to try and get away from the heat.

Fitness classes – on-going

Pickleball – have had some beginner classes, very busy.

Senior center is busy – taking a full bus of 48 to Canadian Maritimes next week for 6 days, full bus going to Mohegan Sun Wednesday, added more trips to try and accommodate demand.

We ran the DHS basketball & tennis camps this year – both run by Coach Casey and both went well. Will look to continue doing camps throughout the year & in the summer.

Music Theater camps very successful – Jeff Leaf added an afternoon session for his Youth Music Theater as he had such a lengthy wait list.

Fall field scheduling – ongoing.

Old Business:

Henry Law Park: Picking up the pace now – Gundalow has been moved. CS is now back, splash pad was poured last week, sidewalks constructed last week. All the swings & slides are in, spraying locations on the ground so can see the layout, getting ready to install. Water recovery system added to splash pad, separate tank to help water plants, etc., re-use the water for irrigation. Plantings, etc., will be end of summer. When will it be done? Not sure. Working around Apple Harvest Day. Hoping at least 90% by Apple Harvest Day. Working on a plan for opening ceremony/dedication.

Park Street Park – parking issue. Gary re-iterated the issue for new members. Peg has been asking for a list of parks plowed in the winter time so we know if we need to standardize it or do something just for Park Street. Gary suggested everyone goes and looks at it and a decision is made next month.

New Business:

Long Hill Park – Overview of Dog park and history, including desire to add a shelter. Fundraisers were done, Money given to city to put in an account – between \$3K & \$4K. Couple concepts floated, Career tech center was suggested to build it, concept of a gazebo was raised. Last year they built it, completed end of last school year. About a 12' diameter, octagon shaped gazebo, 13' tall, asphalt shingles, etc.. Then folks at Dog Park didn't think it was practical design (it's enclosed). Meeting was held to discuss. We own it, what to do with it, can we use it somewhere else. One of the concerns was that those that donated would be upset that it was re-purposed. Couple options, leave it there, put at Henry Law Park. Gary went to Middleton Lumber, they were very flexible & understanding, but if it needs to go somewhere else, they are willing to help modify it as necessary, help design other shelter for dog park. They are willing to take the gazebo at the dog park & modify it and add to it and make it gazebo function & additional shelter space. Also willing to design & build a shelter for Henry Law Park. Need handicap accessible ramp to be added. Have to figure out how to move it. Ken asked about costs involved. Feels it would be cheaper & more practical to move gazebo to HLP & just put a shelter at the dog park. Peg is



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concerned about maintenance costs of gazebo at Dog Park as well. One option is put the gazebo at Longhill but outside the dog park. Major concern is dog fights in enclosed spaces. Discussion ensued on who made the decision to build a gazebo.

Park assignments – Krista went through the list, will be finalized next week.

League liaisons – went through list. Peg asked Krista to email it. She will send to Gary to forward on. Gary re-iterated to not reply to all, reply only to Gary. John reiterated using City email only.

Motion to adjourn – 8:26pm – StanSecond – Dave
All in favor

Submitted by Krista Trefethen