

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, September 12, 2016
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: Peg Purcell - 7:00pm

Roll Call: Ken Wolfe, Aaron Wozmak, John O'Connor, Martha Haley, David Hurlburt, Cindy Imbro, Gary Bannon, Krista Trefethen, Peg Purcell, Krista Morris (arrived 7:01), David Beaulieu (arrived 7:05), Mara Allaire (arrived 7:05)

Approval of Minutes:

August 8, 2016:

Move to approve – Martha Haley

Second – Cindy Imbro

all approve

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory board:

John O'Connor – keeping an eye on trash at Park Street – Thursday/Friday overflowing – was there this past Friday and it was ok. Gary said an additional one was added by East Concord Street by basketball court as a lot of trash is generated down there.

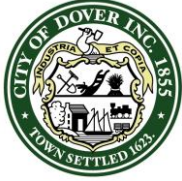
Martha Haley – Amanda Howard Park – sign in disrepair. Gary said city is looking to do city-wide re-signage project for all parks. Ken asked if they'd looked into vinyl/composite. Maybe initially more expensive but longer lasting. Peg thinks it was in the 2009 master plan. Rec was hit by the Recession right after that – no Capital money to do these projects, slowly rebuilding. Cindy asked what the replacement of signs would be – probably approximately \$30k. Amanda Howard has a CIP for entire park, so it will be in that package.

Peg Purcell - Bellamy Park – disc golf people taking good care of it – vandals have modified the signs. Took the "No" out of alcohol & noise.

Peg – this morning they were talking about downtown beautification at Government affairs and Peg brought up Fish Ladder Park – Peg said there is a private/public partnership in the works with Chinburg re: this area.

Peg Purcell – Riverwalk – graffiti by mural (on concrete abutments for the bridge & on the granite slab in front of the Joe Park Gardens). Timberland could do project to re-paint benches.

Peg Purcell – Longhill – older picnic table collapsing (has pics for Gary) – all the gates are sticking & falling off.



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Peg Purcell – need to reassign Stan’s parks: Immigrants, Maglaras & Skate park. Cindy will take Maglaras & Skate Park. Dave Hurlburt will take Guppy & Hancock. Martha Haley – Amanda Howard. Everyone can drive by Immigrants. Gary explained the parks check information.

Dave Beaulieu – hasn’t noticed any huge issues at Willand. Sees more “campers” on the Somersworth side.

Peg Purcell – asked for updated contact list for RAB – will ask Brenda.

Gary Bannon –

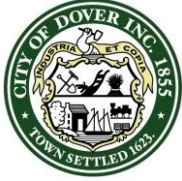
- It’s Fall – program switch.
- Issues with drought – having to cut back watering at Shaw’s Lane, parks, fields, etc.
- Talked about the increase in field use due to the high school project.
- We are the Guinea Pig for a new work order system for Community Services dept. This may start being implemented for citizens at some point.
- Strategic planning initiatives for each department.
- CIP budget in the works – going to Council by October.
- Will be attending NHRPA state conference.
- Skatepark – has been kept up much better in the last year/year and a half. Discussed “Wrong brain” maintaining it – artwork “Graffiti art”.
- 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.
- City irrigation systems have been shut off due to water shortage.
- 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.
- Fall transition – hiring issues with numbers of jobs available.
- Issues with floor refinishing – re-do.

Krista:

- Fitness classes – new fall sessions
- Senior Center is busy – National Senior Center Month – provided Newsletters – 48 Canadian Maritimes travelers, 18 in Ireland this week, lots of active seniors.
- Fall field scheduling – ongoing.

Old Business:

Henry Law Park: Ongoing – swing sets are going in. Installing logs. Retaining wall/seat/multi-purpose – different heights. Just awarded fencing contract, Martineau doing electrical work. Installed tank in the



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ground to collect water from splash pad to be re-used for Irrigation. Pick up one of the roof drains to help recycle water – up to 500 gallons at a time. Economical & green. Spring official opening.

Waterfront – CWDAC meeting next week – site walk in July. It's a jungle so tough to see. Architects designing park first, rest of site will tie into it.

Long Hill Park – Gary meeting with Building trades next week at HS. Gazebo does not necessarily fit the HLP plans. Middleton willing to modify the gazebo to make it fit the dog park. Gary has to look at the structure to see if that's feasible. Peg Purcell is concerned about the grading – that it will be an ice skating rink when it gets cold/snows/icy.

New Business:

Fall/Winter Programs – Krista Trefethen talked about fall programs, men's league, swim lessons, arena fall programs, etc. Cindy Imbro asked about the Indoor Pool upgrades – Gary Bannon said there have been a lot of upgrades in the last year, especially the lighting, deck replaced, etc. Just did the shutdown, maintenance, etc.

Garrison Hill – seasonal snowboard hill etc., will be open again. John O'Connor asked about a rope tow. Gary said it's possibly a part of the Garrison Hill \$250K CIP project – rehab & upgrading to trail system, etc.. Stuck with some invasive species issues.

Mara Allaire – asked about a stadium coming to Dover. Gary Bannon talked about other fields being built (Applevale, off Mast Road, etc).

Apple Harvest Day – reminder, October 1st. Several booths – Senior Center, Dover Indoor Pool, Henry Law Park project.

Motion to Adjourn –

8:04pm – Martha Haley
Second – Dave Beaulieu
All in favor

Submitted by Krista Trefethen