



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, April 10, 2017
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Call To Order 7:00PM

Roll Call

Attendance: David Beaulieu, James Boos (Vice –Chair), Martha Haley (Secretary), David Hurlburt, Cindy Imbro, Peg Purcell (Chair), Aaron Wozmak (Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor (City council Liaison)

Absent: Mara Allaire, Krista Morris, Aimee Sanderson, Krista Trefethen (Asst Director of Recreation)

Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve by Cindy Imbro, Seconded by David Beaulieu. Unanimous

Citizen's Forum: No citizens present for forum

Reports

Recreation Director

Gary will be speaking at the State of the City address on April 11 at the McConnell Center. He will be reporting on the progress of the Veteran's Memorial and the Henry Law Park improvements.

Gary continues to work on developing the 2017-18 budget. Plan is to adopt the budget by early May.

Wednesday City council meeting will take up several ordinances including the Park Street Park hours for parking. Also to be addressed will be a Henry Law Park parking ordinance.

Gary has met with the Disc Golf shop owners, who rent space at the Bellamy Park building. He is negotiating with the owners to develop a plan for expanding the business, and will develop a formalized agreement with the Disc Golf Shop owners. Peg asked if the old swing sets will be removed or replaced.

Red's Road Race: Gary reported that the race went well, and the race utilizes City Hall, the facilities at the pool and Henry Law park area.

Garrison School JBC is looking into the possible expansion of the school and the impact on recreation property at the site. If Recreation Department property at Garrison is used, then there must be an equal substitute in the City that can be utilized for recreation.

Gary reported he has received donations for the cost of the 4th of July fireworks.



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Assistant Director: Gary provided a summary of the activities of the Assistant Director: Transitioning from basketball to spring sports. Most fields are still very wet. The nature of the New England spring always impacts on the availability of playing space. Krista has been coordinating with Facilities and Grounds department to get fields and facilities up and running for the season.

Senior Center programming continues to expand, especially for travel, day trips. Most trips are fully booked, some with waiting lists. Senior Center fitness programs have resumed after a brief suspension due to instructor availability.

Old Business:

Henry Law Park Project Status/Dedication: June 24 at 10 AM is set as the dedication for the renovations. Gary reported on the final preparations and completion of various components of the park project. Gary is confident the project will come in on budget. Total cost of the project was \$510,000; over \$160,000 was funded by private donations.

Awards Program Review: Peg expressed positive feedback for the evening. The Moose provided an excellent meal and the award recipients were all thrilled with their awards. Cindy stated the acknowledgement letters that the department sent out to sponsors were well-received. John O. suggested the extra money received in donations be donated to the Friends of Dover Recreation.

Signs for Parks: Gary reports he will have money budgeted for the new signs for the parks. Gary will look at those signs that need replacing, starting with those parks that do not have signs, and work through the rest of the parks. Members expressed consensus for the design to use, based on the current signs at Park Street and Hancock Street Parks.

New Business

Skatepark Discussion: James B. presented a history and overview of the options for moving the skatepark. The timing of the bluff removal phase of the Waterfront development project will impact the moving of the skatepark. James stated that the City and the Council have always been supportive of the skatepark. James asked for clarification of the funding source for the new skatepark. Gary reported the funds could potentially come from the CIP budget or related to the waterfront park development or Maglaras Park project.

The original proposed site for the new skatepark would be directly abutted by the Aquatics Center proposed for the Maglaras Park. There is a possibility that the new skate park will need to be moved to an alternative location at Maglaras Park. Cindy asked for clarification for when a decision needs to be made. James asked for clarification of how much money would be budgeted for the new skatepark. He also reviewed several options for designs with a range of costs. He expressed concern that funding sources that had pledged donations several years ago would 'dry up' if the decision regarding location of



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the new park is continually delayed. James will forward to Gary for distribution to Board Members the presentation he made to the City Council.

Park St. Park Parking Status

Above under Recreation Director Report

Henry Law Park Parking Status

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Adjourn: at 8:18PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary