



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, June 12, 2017
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call To Order 7:00PM

Roll Call

Attendance: James Boos (Vice–Chair), Martha Haley (Secretary), Brandy Moss (alternate), Peg Purcell (Chair), Aimee Sanderson, Aaron Wozmak (Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor (City council Liaison), Rick Schnable

Absent: Mara Allaire, David Beaulieu, David Hurlburt, Cindy Imbro, Krista Morris, Krista Trefethen (Assistant Director of Recreation)

Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2017:

Motion to accept by Aimee Sanderson, Second by J. Boos. U/A

Citizen's Forum:

No citizens present for forum

Reports

Advisory Board

James Boos: Commented that the skate park has been looking very good. Trash has been picked up; debris was removed, and thanked Gary for this. Gary reported a new, sturdier trash receptacle has been installed.

Peg reported there is a broken fence at Woodman Park

Recreation Director

The department is busy with preparing for summer programs and activities. Registration is underway, many parks programs and summer camps are filled or filling quickly. Gary reviewed the scholarship program that is used to provide access to these programs for under privileged youth. Finding enough money to meet the needs is always a challenge. Some of the programs include: Recreation Basketball, Camp Kool, Summer Playgrounds, track program, theater camps.

Gary reviewed some of the Senior Center summer activities that are planned.

Pickle ball has been very busy. Gary and Krista are exploring options for expanding the Pickle Ball courts so that there will be a total of 8 at Garrison School.

Impact of the Garrison School expansion on the park property is being addressed with JBC and Planning Dept. James inquired about the meeting times for the JBC, and found their next meeting is scheduled for June 13.



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Assistant Recreation Director

Krista is working on training summer camp and playground staff.

Old Business:

Henry Law Park Project Status/Dedication: making final preparations for the scheduled Dedication of June 24. Peg asked if there will be a railing at the top of the gundalow. Gary stated there will be a cable 'rail' to prevent falling from the deck. Signs will be posted to encourage parental supervision of children. Gary reviewed the plan for the dedication on June 24. He is planning on recognizing the many donors to the project. Gary has had many calls asking about the opening and availability for use. Aimee said she has spoken with a number of young mothers who eagerly await the opening.

Gary stated the parking lot at Henry Law will be metered by the beginning of July.

Gary has an intern for the summer, who will be monitoring use of the new Adventure Playground, to determine when the prime times for use are, and numbers of persons using the new playground.

Donation to Friends of Dover Recreation: \$563 from proceeds of the Recreation Awards Dinner. The money will be divided equally between Friends of Dover Rec and Dover Moose.

Peg mentioned the Dover Moose holds breakfasts to raise funds for charitable causes. They could earmark proceeds for a specific breakfast to raise funds for Rec. scholarships.

Brandy asked if the registration applications for summer programs could include an option for making a donation to the scholarship fund.

Gary stated on-line registrations will start soon for Recreation programs, with the availability to pay by credit card. This would allow for modifications to the current paper registration format, and the option for making a donation to the scholarship program could be added to the on-line form.

New Business

Fourth of July Plans: 39th Army Band will be on the Rotary Stage, vendors will be along Henry Law Ave., and fireworks will follow, to be set off from Maglaras Park at 9:15.

Shaws Lane Water System Needs: The irrigation system is on the City water supply, for which the Rec. Department is paying the annual cost out of the gravel sale proceeds. One Million gallons of water is used annually. The Gravel fund will close out in the next year and funds are getting low. The original plan was to drill a well to supply the irrigation system. The permitting for this is a multi-step process. If it were a regular City well it would be too expensive as they cost \$1 million to develop due to the strict



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guidelines for public water supplies. The planning for this has begun to explore a separate well that will not tie into the City system.

Longhill Park Discussion: This park is in need of maintenance and attention to various items. There is a gazebo that was built to serve as a shelter at the park, and was constructed at the High School by the building trades classes, however is not practical for use at the dog park. Moving it as a single structure is possible but not easy without damaging it. The gazebo remains at the High School until a solution can be developed.

Items that need to be addressed at the Park include: New fencing and repairs of existing fencing, installation of a fence to keep Cricket balls inside the park space adjoining the dog park, addressing sand mobility, replacing wood chips with new sand.

Aimee mentioned there is no seating available in the playground area at the park, and suggested the gazebo may be utilized in this area for sitting. Gary will investigate options for moving it, and costs involved.

Veteran's Memorial: John has served on the committee to develop the design with the hope it will be completed by Veteran's Day this year.

James recommended addressing the bench designs to deter skate boarding.

Summer Meeting Schedule: Traditionally the Board does not meet in July. Martha made a motion to withhold meeting in July, seconded by Aimee. U/A

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by James, seconded by Aimee, all in favor. Adjourn at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary