



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 11, 2017
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Attendance: David Beaulieu, James Boos (Vice –Chair), Martha Haley (Secretary), David Hurlburt, Brandy Maas (Alternate), Peg Purcell (Chair), Aaron Wozmak (Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor (City council Liaison), Krista Trefethen, (Assistant Director of Recreation), Rick Schnable (Alternate)

Absent: Mara Allaire, Cindy Imbro, Krista Morris, Krista Trefethen, Aimee Sanderson

Call to Order 7:00PM

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes for June 12 meeting (No July meeting, no quorum for August meeting)

Motion to approve by J. Boos, second by R. Schnable U/A

Citizen's forum: no citizens present

Reports

Advisory Board

James Boos relayed concerns regarding an area of the decking needing repair at Skateboard Park. Also presented question regarding change of Henry Law Park hours. Asked if new park hours apply to Skate Park. James relayed concerns brought to him by users of Skate Park that vandalism had not been addressed in a timely manner in the past. Concerns expressed that upgrades to the Skate Park have not been a priority in the past.

Gary stated he would be addressing the upcoming move of the Skate Park, as the work on the Waterfront area will be having an impact on the Skate Park sooner than anticipated.

John O'Connor stated the City is working with third parties that cannot be named at this time, regarding the development of the Waterfront. He expressed support on behalf of the City Council for the Skate Park.

Woodman Park: Aaron reported broken pavement along the edge of the park that could be a tripping hazard.

Willand Pond Park: area washed out near the transformer, which poses a tripping hazard.



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Recreation Director

Gary stated he will work with James to address the ramp decking repairs that are needed.

Gary explained the reasoning for the ordinance to change the Henry Law Park hours to promote safety for all who use it. The new park hours include the Skate Park. The new ordinance will give the police the power to enforce the hours.

Budget schedule for FY 2019 has just come out. Gary relayed CIP submittals for the next budget year. Indoor pool boilers, bus for Senior Programs is in need of replacement, Guppy Park and Amanda Howard Park repairs have been funded.

Assistant Recreation Director

Gary reported for Krista, who attends a Pickle Ball program on the nights that RAB meets. All the summer camp programs went well. Senior Center travel and day trips have been very busy. More variety of local trips have utilized the bus frequently. Getting geared up for fall/winter programs. The gym floor was re-finished this August, however with new low VOC standards, the curing process is longer.

Peg asked for an update to the option for registrants for programs to donate to a scholarship program when signing up for Rec programs. Gary reported they are nearly ready to be able to use Credit Card payments for Recreation program registration fees, and the option for making a donation during the registration process will be addressed.

Old Business:

Henry Law Park Playground Update: The new playground has been a huge success. It has become a magnet to draw out-of-towners to the city. The new parking meters have created a revenue stream to fund the maintenance of the park. The feedback from surveys has been extremely positive. There will be some minor additions and changes, such as reducing the wood chips area and adding bricks. The gundalow was used as a stage for a couple Shakespeare in the Park productions, which worked out very well. Hoping to have the whale tail ready for installation on the roof of the pool by fall.

Shaws Lane Well and Irrigation: Gary gave an update of the work being done to prepare for drilling a well for irrigation to the fields. Shaw's Lane was very busy during the summer. Due to the construction of the new DHS, the high school teams are utilizing the fields at Shaw's Lane. A new rugby field has been constructed off of Bellamy road by a private developer, who will be allowing some of the Rec programs to use this field.

Longhill Park Work: Gary reported on the progress of the repairs to the Park.



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Veterans Park Update: Scheduled to be finished in time for Veteran's Day. The Memorial Brick program is underway; Gary is having to review each request for a brick to be sure it meets the specifications for the program.

New Business

Waterfront Park and Dock Status: the bid went out in the spring. Several bids were returned, but came in over budget, due in part to the delay in the State approval of the project. New bids were sent out, due in October, for work to begin in the spring. Site work will also begin this fall.

Fall and Winter Programs: See above report by Gary

Apple Harvest Day: October 7. The Recreation Department will have a 2 booths, one for Rec Department, one for Senior Center.

CIP Submittals: discussed in Recreation Director's report above

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by J. Boos, second by B. Moss U/A Adjourn at 8:14PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary