



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

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Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Attendance: David Beaulieu, Martha Haley (Secretary), Cindy Imbro, Brandy Moss (Alternate), Peg Purcell (Chair), Aimee Sanderson, Heather Twombly (Alternate), Aaron Wozmak, Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor (City council Liaison), Rick Schnable (Alternate)

Absent: Mara Allaire, James Boos (Vice-chair), David Hurlburt, Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation)

Approval of Minutes for November 13, 2017 Meeting

Correction: change Aaron Wozmak's designation to Regular member vs. Alternate

Motion: To approve minutes as amended by Aimee Sanderson, second by David Beaulieu, unanimously approved

Citizen's Forum:

Hayden, son of RAB member David Beaulieu, is attending tonight to observe to fulfill requirement of a Dover High School class.

Reports

Advisory Board

John O'Connor will be concluding his term as City Council rep to the RAB at the end of this year. He will apply to continue to serve as a regular citizen member

Recreation Director

Gary reported for Krista Trefethen, Assistant Director of Recreation. Winter programs are underway. There is always a lot of thought that goes into changing or canceling programs when weather is an issue. Garrison School renovation project will be starting soon. As a result, the Garrison School gym will not be available for Rec Department use, and will not be for about 18 months, as it will be used for classroom space during renovations. Some programs will be moved to the City Hall auditorium, such as the Cheerleading program.

With the DHS project, there has been a need to move several programs around.

Staffing at the Rec. Center at McConnell is being addressed to some extent but Krista still must referee most if not all of the games on Saturdays. Fitness classes are all full, as well as the swimming classes at the indoor pool.



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Senior Christmas program will be held at St. John's Church on Wednesday, December 13th.
Senior Center is approaching 800 members, hoping to reach this goal by the end of the year.

Old Business:

Veteran's Memorial Next Steps: First delivery of bricks has arrived. They will be installed in the spring. Another 150 have been ordered, and Gary expects to have orders for several hundred more for delivery by spring for installation. Gary will need assistance to sort bricks by family, so they may be installed together. He is working on a plan to develop a system to sort and move the bricks for installation. Members of the RAB offered to assist with this process.

Waterfront Park and Dock Status: Bid for dock is \$149,000. Great Bay Rowing has made a donation toward the construction. The Bluff has been stripped, and blasting will take place during the winter months. Gary has asked James Boos to help organize skateboarding enthusiasts to begin planning for the move of the Skate Park.

The fireworks should be more visible with the removal of trees on the Bluff.

Budget: Gary has been working on formulating the new budget, with the goal to have it prepared by Christmas. He anticipates the budget will be level funded compared to the current year.

Christmas Tree Lighting: The event was well-attended again this year, a couple hundred people with families participating in singing, and visiting with Santa.

McConnell Center Generator: This is now fully installed, and is operational. Tests have been run, with good success. Fencing will be installed to surround the generator. The McConnell Center will be the primary emergency shelter, with the Middle School as a back-up. Power lines from City Hall are being moved underground to update the system.

New Business

Olympian Recognition Signage Request: A request has been submitted to add the name of Jessica Parratto to the city's recognition signs. Discussion included review of the history of the signs and the locations of the original signs.

Motion: To add the name of Jessica Parratto to the Olympian Recognition signs, by Cindy Imbro, second by Brandy Moss. Unanimously approved.

After discussion, the motion was amended to state: The number of new signs should be such to meet the needs of installation at all entrances to the City of Dover.



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Cindy asked for a progress report for new signs for the parks. Gary reports he continues to work with the Community Services department to organize this project.

Henry Law Park Playground Work: Brick work continues to be completed. The Whale's Tail is turning out to be larger than planned, and the cost has increased. Gary is working with the artist and the installers to determine the final cost, which is being covered by a private donation. The installation is being planned, but the requirements for wind tolerance and ice load must be addressed. Bids for installation are being submitted. Installation will take place in the spring. A mural is being planned for the Henry Law side of the building. John O'Connor suggested a "Raise the Tail" fundraiser with T shirts.

Awards Program Planning: Gary reviewed the basics of the program. The event is planned for the last Thursday of March, and is held at the Moose Hall. In January we will begin soliciting ads and donations for the program.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Aimee Sanderson, second by Peg Purcell, unanimously approved.

Adjourn at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary