



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 09, 2018
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: at 7:01PM

Roll Call

Attendance: David Beaulieu, Martha Haley (Secretary), Cindy Imbro, Brandice Maas (alternate), Peg Purcell (Chair), Aimee Sanderson, Rick Schnable (Alternate), Lindsey Williams (Council Liaison), Aaron Wozmak, Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor

Absent: Mara Allaire, James Boos (Vice-Chair), Heather Twombly (Alternate), Krista Trefethen (Assistant Director of Recreation)

Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes as drafted for March 12, 2018 by C. Imbro, second by J. O'Connor. UA

Citizen's Forum:

Paul Flanagan, Intern from UNH observing at meeting tonight.

Reports

Advisory Board

Peg Purcell reviewed park assignments. She asked that Board members make visits to their assigned parks now that the weather has improved. John O'Connor will make copies of the Parks review form and email to board members. Martha will include updated list in an email to members.

Recreation Director

Gary provided a general review of the work involved in the seasonal maintenance of playing fields. Fields continue to dry out and are being used by some leagues.

Park Street Park: Gary has a meeting planned this week with City staff to look at work that can be done to improve the walking path. A developer has provided funds to improve this park, with plans to update the drainage and surface of the path.

The Red's Road Race took place yesterday, April 8. Gary was involved in the logistics of this race, as City Hall was used for the registration and starting line and Henry Law Park was used as the Finish of the race.

The Whale's Tail: The City is about ready to accept delivery of the sculpture, and it will be stored at an undisclosed location until installation. The design of the installation framing is ongoing, as well as the determination of the costs of the installation.

The Indoor Pool may be a site to install solar panels to the roof, in conjunction with the Children's Museum. This project will be coordinated with other City of Dover energy projects and the conversation is ongoing.



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The Veteran's Park: all the engraved bricks have been delivered. Gary will be coordinating a date when volunteers will sort the bricks into family groupings.

Assistant Director Report:

Gary reported that winter programs have concluded, and the department is preparing for summer programs, registration for summer camps will be occurring soon.

Old Business:

Waterfront Park and Dock Status: City staff has been clearing area for the path to access the dock area to prepare for installation. If everything continues on schedule, the 5-6 week installation will be completed by June.

Olympian Recognition Signage Discussion: Board members reviewed the updated **Guidelines to be Recognized as a Dover Olympian or Para-Olympian**. Cindy and Rick reviewed how the guidelines were developed. Rick volunteered to develop a draft application for inclusion on the sign.

Motion: To accept the proposed guidelines by J. O'Connor, Second by M. Haley. UA

Awards program review: Gary reported the night was a big success, and thanked members of the board for attending. The Moose Organization did a great job with serving as hosts for the evening. Brandy reported Dick's Sporting Goods already put their plaque up 2 days after the presentation. Gary sent letters of thanks to all the sponsors.

Skatepark Relocation Funding and Options: Gary has spoken with James Boos to update him on the process. In the current CIP budget there is \$100,000 allocated towards design and building of the new Skatepark. Gary has begun discussions with the City Planning department to consider a Plan B for the Skatepark if Maglaras Park does not work out for relocating the Skatepark. The Bluff excavation will continue through the summer. Blasting will not resume until the fall, therefore the current Skate Park can continue to be used into the fall. Guppy Park is another potential option for the new Skate Park. Lindsey reported that a community member commented at a recent CIP budget hearing in support of the Skatepark.

New Business

Budget Process Update: Gary will be presenting the Recreation Department Budget to the City Council on April 18. The new budget is up about 1.7 %. This is a reduction from the proposed 4.2 % increase Gary had originally proposed. The net budget is only about \$43 cost to each taxpayer. The Recreation Special Revenue Fund continues to fund most of the programs. Soon the department may have to consider increasing fees to balance the budget. John asked for clarification of what items were cut from the original budget Gary had proposed to the City Manager. Gary encouraged members to attend the budget session on April 18, which begins at 7PM.



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Spring and Summer Schedules: Garrison School will be having heavy construction all summer. The summer park program that usually takes place at the school will have to be re-located. Woodman Park School has a summer school program, which usually involves up to 100 children, so re-locating the Garrison Summer Park program is going to be a challenge.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by J. O'Connor, second by C. Imbro, UA
Adjourn at 8:12PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary