



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, May 14, 2018
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: 7:04PM

Roll Call

Attendance: David Beaulieu, Martha Haley (Secretary), Rick Schnable (Alternate), Lindsey Williams (Council Liaison), Aaron Wozmak, Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor

Absent: Mara Allaire, James Boos, Cindy Imbro, Brandy Maas, Peg Purcell, Aimee Sanderson, Heather Twombly, Krista Trefethen

Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2018: Motion to approve by David Beaulieu, second by Aaron Wozmak, UA

Citizen's Forum:

No citizens present

Reports

Advisory Board:

1. Martha Haley reported an issue at the Alden Woods playground, Gary asked that photos of the damaged equipment be forwarded to him ASAP.
2. Aaron reported on the Applevale Park.
3. R. Schnable reported the Woodman Park old batting cages appeared to be in disrepair.
4. Willand Park: D. Bealieu reported there is an enormous amount of trash and litter throughout the park. Gary stated this has been an ongoing issue, and he has been attempting to work with the Solid Waste Manager to address this problem. He suggested organizing a Willand Pond Clean-up Day. DB offered the use of his truck to assist with clean up. Martha suggested approaching neighboring businesses as 'Good Neighbors' to get involved with clean up on a regular basis.
5. D. Beaulieu also noted there is a large area of pavement that was saw-cut and was not re-paved when a culvert was placed last year.
6. R. Schnable suggested posting at the Willand Pond Park a notice of planned a Clean-up Day to encourage regular patrons of the park to participate.

Gary clarified the role of the Friends of Dover Recreation.

O'Connor suggested setting up a Facebook page for the Friends.



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Recreation Director

Gary reported plans for the Fourth of July celebration are well underway. Liberty Mutual consistently contributes, along with DF Richard. A long-time donor has discontinued their sponsorship. Gary continues to search for donors to make up the difference (\$2500) to close the gap for the \$10,000 cost of the Fireworks display.

Veterans Park engraved bricks are in place, thanks to the work of a group of volunteers. Some requests for re-positioning certain family bricks have been made, and Gary will be addressing that with the landscaping firm that did the work on the park. He has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the new park. Orders are continuing to be placed for more engraved bricks, and the walkways have been designed to be expanded as needed.

Children's Adventure Park: Issues with wood chips washing into the drains, and areas that are heavily utilized are being addressed by adding brick to the area adjacent to the splash pad. Shade features are going out to bid, with hopes of having them installed sometime this summer. The 'Whale's Tail' is located within the City limits, but exact location is being kept a secret. Gary continues to work on a plan for installation, including soliciting additional donations for the increasing costs. A mural is being facilitated by the Dover Arts Commission, and will be located on the wall of the pool that faces Henry Law Avenue.

DHS Turf Discussion: Gary has been working with Dover Schools AD Peter Wotton for nearly 15 years regarding the turf at DHS, well before the new high school was proposed. There are many factors that go into making a decision, including primarily the New England climate situation. Using this year's spring weather as an example; spring sports use of the fields were delayed by several weeks, as the natural turf fields were not ready for use. An artificial turf field will meet the needs of many organizations and sports teams, versus a natural turf field. J. O'Connor offered his insight regarding the use of natural turf, based on his experiences with Dover Baseball.

Assistant Recreation Director

Gary reported Krista is gearing up for summer programming. The impact of the construction at Garrison School will have a significant impact on the Recreation Department summer programs. As a result, the 2 sites will be combined at Horne Street School. Staff are being hired now.

On Track program is in need of a coach to run the program. M.Haley suggested the UNH Track and Field program may be a good resource, perhaps a student-athlete would be interested in the position.

Senior Center trips and pickle ball programs are very active.



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Old Business:

Waterfront Park and Dock Status: Contract for dock installation was awarded to the Dock Doctors.

There has been a delay due to the contractor hesitating to complete the anchors for the dock, based on concerns there will be ledge interfering with placement of anchors. The schedule has been adjusted, and installation of the new paddle sports dock should occur next week (week of May 21). The next step will be to clean up the area around the approach to the new dock, to allow easy access for the use of the public.

Olympian Recognition Signage Discussion: Gary distributed Draft 2 for DOVER OLYMPIAN CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS, which board members reviewed and offered input. The next step will be to solicit names to be reviewed and approved by the Recreation Department. Next they will be present the choices to the City Council final approval. We will need to work with the City Council to develop the funding source, and then begin the design of the signs. The City Planning Department is developing a city-wide 'way-finding' signage program, and the Olympic recognition signs would be a part of that program.

Skatepark Relocation Process: The BIG QUESTION remains: Where will the new skate park be located? The eventual location will play into many aspects including cost and timing. Gary has a student intern working with him this summer, and the skateboard park project will be the intern's primary project.

New Business

Budget Adoption Update: Budget has been adopted by the City Council. The Recreation Department budget was cut by \$44,000, which results in a .5% increase overall. The City Manager is interested in pursuing increasing revenue from the Special Revenue Fund programs. The Arena debt service will be retired in 2020, and then there will be additional revenues that will be going into the Recreation Department budget. The City Manager suggested increasing the fees for non-residents to utilize the Dover pool swim lessons.

Spring and Summer Program Updates: J. O'Connor suggested Gary send out an email to RAB members to provide assistance for the July 4th celebration. M. Haley offered assistance where needed.

Other Park Projects

Amanda Howard Park renovations: The neighborhood has evolved, and the renovations project has been funded. Gary is organizing a neighborhood meeting within the next month to start the planning process.

Guppy Park Softball Field renovations: This has been funded in the CIP for several years, and plans need to begin for the project.



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Summer Meeting Schedule: Motion by M.Haley to suspend the scheduled August meeting, second by R. Schnable. UA

Adjourn

Motion: by M.Haley to adjourn, second by D.Beaulieu. UA
Adjourn at 8:23PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary