



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, November 12, 2018
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order at 7:04PM The meeting was conducted by James Boos in Peg's absence.

Roll Call

Attendance: James Boos (Vice –Chair), Martha Haley (Secretary), Heather Twombly (Alternate), Aimee Sanderson, Rick Schnable (Alternate), Lindsey Williams (Council Liaison), Aaron Wozmak , Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor, Krista Trefethen, Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Mara Allaire, David Beaulieu, Cindy Imbro, Peg Purcell, Brandy Maas, Krista Trefethen

Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by John O'Connor, second by Aimee Sanderson.

Discussion: John O'Connor asked for clarification of notes regarding trash conditions at Longhill Park. Rick asked for clarification of the Stoneyfield grant.

Minutes approved UA

Citizen's forum:

No citizens present for forum

Reports

Advisory Board

No specific issues raised.

Recreation Director

Land and water conservation fund grant: Gary reviewed the history of the Garrison School expansion and the impact on surrounding parks and playing fields. Nearly 5 acres of recreation fields and space has been lost due to the expansions at Garrison. Due to a miscommunication, one of the baseball fields was bulldozed to make room for basketball courts, however the work was halted, and Gary is working with the JBC to find a way to replace the baseball field. John O. asked if the land adjacent to the Amanda Howard Park can be used to make up part of the 5 acres lost to the Garrison expansions.

Gary explained the purpose of the Stoneyfield grant and how it will be used at Woodman Park fields. The funds will be used to initiate an organic fertilizer program at the fields.

Shaw's Lane irrigation well: work has begun to install a pumping system for the well. This is designed as an emergency back up well for the City.

Karen Lavertu has transitioned smoothly as the office manager for the Rec. Department.

Staffing over all continues to be a challenge, Krista has been working on staffing the winter basketball programs. There is also a need for pool and arena staff.



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Pickle ball programs are transitioning to indoors.

Senior Center programs have been impacted by the delay in delivery of the new bus, as the old bus is out of commission since it did not pass inspection.

Old Business:

Waterfront Park Status: Design and permitting is in the final stages. Gary is hopeful approvals can be obtained in time for work to begin next construction season. The angle adjustment of the paddle sports dock will take place next week, and then the dock will be removed and stored at the end of River St. for the winter. The Dock Doctors will be present for the first removal this year to assist in the process. The city has the heavy equipment needed to complete the job. Gary meets regularly with reps from Great Bay Rowing and the UNH paddle sports group to plan for future needs.

Skate Park Relocation Process: The proposed location is at Guppy Park, but is not yet finalized. The \$100,000 allocated to the relocation of the Skate Park will now come from the City CIP budget. Gary plans to meet with Community Services to begin organizing a plan for beginning this project. James provided some input from his contacts in the skateboarding community. The area being proposed is a 15,000 square foot area. James reported the average cost for installing a skate park is in the \$40/square foot range. This would mean a cost of about \$600,000 for a new skate park. James expressed concern that raising the funds in time for a spring ground breaking would be a significant challenge. Gary is hopeful the proposed improvement and renovations at the Guppy Park softball field can be coordinated with the installation of the skate park to make the best use of funds and contractor work at the site.

Veterans Park Update: A new brick pathway has been installed, to accommodate the increased demand for engraved bricks. Two new benches will be added. One of the UNH interns that worked in the Rec department this past summer designed a directory of all the Veterans Memorials throughout the city. This will be designed and fabricated over the winter to be in concert with the new Way-finding system and will be installed with lighting in the spring.

Henry Law Playground Work: Shade sails have been completed, installed, and will be stored each winter and re-installed in the spring. The Whale's tail installation is moving forward, as funding has been secured from the donor. The dedication of the mural on the side of the building occurred last week. The funds from parking meters at the park are used for maintenance of the Children's adventure park and other Henry Law Park projects.

New Business

Budget: Gary is hoping to maintain current programs as individual program managers are preparing proposed budgets. Some large budget items include work on the McConnell Center roof.



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Christmas Tree Program: November 30, 6:00 PM.

CIP Projects: see above

Annual Awards Program: usually held the last Thursday in March. Gary asked RAB members to bring any ideas for the program to the next meeting, specifically names of sponsors that may be recognized.

Additional Items: James asked if impact fees from the Waterfront Development may be a potential source of funding for the new skate park.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by John O'Connor, second Aimee Sanderson. UA

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary