



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 10, 2018
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order at 7:04PM

Roll Call

Attendance: James Boos (Vice –Chair), Rick Schnable (Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O’Connor, David Beaulieu, Peg Purcell

Absent: Mara Allaire, Cindy Imbro, Brandy Maas, Krista Trefethen, Martha Haley (Secretary), Heather Twombly (Alternate), Aimee Sanderson, Lindsey Williams (Council Liaison), Aaron Wozmak

Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by John O’Connor, second by James Boos.

Minutes approved UA

Citizen’s forum:

No citizens present for forum

Reports

Advisory Board

No specific issues raised.

Recreation Director

- Cindy Imbro let us know that she needs to resign from the advisory board. Mara Allaire has been unable to attend and may have to resign as well.
- Gary brought up the Dover/Somersworth water interconnect project being planned to run through Willand Pond Park. The well at the pond will also be tied into water system. The space the pump area takes up will need to “be replaced” with some other property put into recreation to satisfy the land water conservation fund requirements.
- Garrison Hill Park maintenance has become a challenge. Bamboo has overtaken bottom portion of hill. Gary provided pictures of the park which appears to be overgrown to the point of being unusable. Plan at this point is to review the situation with community services and determine if the area is salvageable with the equipment they have available for this year. If not, need to close it and let the vegetation overgrow until major overhaul is schedule (assumed 2021)
- All basketball programs are well underway. GES school gym is still offline.
- Sr Center programs and travel remain busy. Bus was delivered 10-dec.

Old Business:

- **Waterfront Status**
 - Season ended. Dock was removed on 19-nov (in the snow) after the position was adjusted. Rollers on the gang plank need to be re-sized in the spring.
- **Skatepark Relocation Process**



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- Moving forward with Guppy Park location. City will try to do as much as we can with internal resources. Once we have planned out, we can send an rfp to Skatepark design firms. Public meetings have already been setup for other city work in the Portland Ave neighborhood and Gary plans to piggy-back the Skatepark info into those meetings. Committed \$100,000 for the Skatepark design/engineering/sitework.
- **Veterans Park Update**
 - Third path added to the St. Thomas St side. Gary performed a thorough audit of all the bricks to identify the duplicates. Will likely need to install any replacements after ground thaws in the spring. Still working on kiosk/signage. Sites for 2 more benches have been identified.
- **Budget**
 - In process of developing the department budgets. Special revenue fund has some added costs without added revenue. Looking to shift costs into the general fund. John suggested the Rec Advisory Board being vocal in support of the rec operating budget and used last year as an example.
- **Christmas Tree Lighting Recap**
 - Had several good options for trees this year. The one that was used from Pine Hill Cemetery turned out to be donated by a family for the cemetery. A new one will be planted and identified with a plaque. We used new lights that were donated.

New Business

- **Garrison School Fields/DHA Field**
 - LWCF had protected the field/playground behind the school which was taken up partially by the additions to the school. Need to find approximately 3 acres of land to replace the LWCF lands. The new work added a basketball court in place of where one of the baseball fields were. JBC approved the plan without notifying the Recreation Department so the field needs to be replaced before next spring.
- **Whales tail**
 - Indoor Pool roof is under construction with solar panel installation that will allow up to 40% of the electrical costs to be recovered by solar power. Installation of the whale's tail is fully funded and will hopefully be installed by spring 2019.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
James Boos