



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, January 14, 2019
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order at 7:00PM

Roll Call

Attendance: David Beaulieu, Martha Haley (Secretary), Brandice Maas (alternate), Heather Twombly (Alternate), Rick Schnable (Alternate), Aaron Wozmak, Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor, William Burr

Absent: James Boos, Peg Purcell, Aimee Sanderson, Krista Trefethen

New member William Burr introduced himself to the group.

Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2018:

Motion to approve by Rick Schnable, second by Aaron Wozmak. Minutes approved UA

Citizen's Forum:

No citizens present for meeting.

Election of Officers: Postponed until next meeting as the Chairperson and Vice Chair were not in attendance tonight.

Reports

Advisory Board

- David Beaulieu reported there is a large tree down at the Willand Pond Park along the path, midway to the Somersworth side. Gary made note, will have Community Services check it out.
- Rick Schnable reported a recent walk around Bellamy Park showed a clean area, no trash to be seen.

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

- The Disk Golf business at the Bellamy Park has given notice that they will be closing. Business has declined recently due to online sales competition. They will be vacating the Bellamy Park building within the next month. The Disk Golf Club reports the baskets for the course are in need of replacement due to wear, Gary is looking at costs for replacements.
- Gary welcomed new member Bill Burr and explained the role of the RAB.
- Gary has submitted the budget for the 2019 FY, and will be meeting with the City Manager and budget will be submitted to the City Council by mid- March.
- Winter programs are in full swing, including indoor pickleball, basketball, a new class for children called 'Bilingual Boogie' to promote movement exploration in English and Spanish.
- Senior fitness programs are well attended, requiring purchase of more chairs due to high demand. New trips for the Senior Center are filling up quickly.



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- Garrison School Field: Majority of the work to replace the old field was completed before winter.
- Spring Sports sign-ups will take place Feb. 9 and March 9 at 9-12 in the Cafeteria at McConnell Center.
- The Garrison School gym will be back in use later this year, probably by June (ahead of schedule).
- Krista is doing a lot of basketball refereeing. The City attorney has drafted a contract for use for contracting with referees instead of putting them on the payroll, which will be useful in easing the burden on Krista.
- Gary reviewed the Solar Energy system that has been installed and is up and running at the Indoor pool. The new boilers are being installed for the indoor pool at this time

Old Business:

Waterfront Status: The project is moving along, and is in the permitting process with the State of NH now. The paddle sports docks have been re-adjusted in storage to ensure they are stored in a level manner to prevent any damage over the winter months. The project agreement with Cathartis is being finalized, the bluff excavation continues. Other projects in the city are storing materials at Maglaras Park, such as the retaining wall granite blocks from the fish ladder park. These granite blocks will be incorporated into an aspect of the waterfront park.

Skatepark Relocation and Guppy Park Development Process: The goal is to move the skate park as soon as possible, with the option to move it to Guppy Park being explored, near the softball field and coordinated with improvements at Guppy Park. First a survey has to be completed to look at the topography of the site, for drainage and other considerations. Gary shared a list of goals for the Guppy Park Renovation Project

Whales Tail Update: Fabrication of the frame to support the Whales Tail is beginning off site.

Garrison School Field: Discussion above under Recreation Director Report

New Business

Awards Program: Nomination packets have been distributed to leagues. The date of the Banquet is tentatively March 21, waiting on date confirmation from the Moose Lodge. The RAB will be meeting in February to review nominations and will work on soliciting donations in February.

Amanda Howard Park: Purchase of the abutting land is being proposed, after the land was appraised. An offer will be made soon to the abutter, so that the project can move forward. The Gazebo (currently stored at the old DHS) will be considered to be utilized in the renovated Amanda Howard Park.



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Garrison Hill Sledding Area: The area was cleared somewhat of the invasive plants during December, but not as thoroughly as is usual, due to several early November snow storms. The Garrison Hill Park is slated for renovations in a couple years in the CIP budget.

Bus Status: The new bus has arrived and is being utilized quickly for Senior Center trips and also for other City departments for traveling to training and workshops. It is also used for evacuation purposes and for warming and cooling station for large fires or other disasters.

Brandy Maas asked if an online donation option using credit card system has been completed. Gary explained the process for adding this option has been extensive, and complicated.

Rick Schnable suggested adding a line to the online application to let people know of the option for donating to scholarships for camps or sports team participation fees.

Next meeting will be February 11.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Martha Haley, second by David Beaulieu, UA
Adjourn at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary