



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, March 11, 2019
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Members Present: David Beaulieu, James Boos (Vice Chair), William Burr, John O'Connor, Peg Purcell (Chair), Aimee Sanderson, Aaron Wozmak (Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Lindsey Williams (City Council Liason)

Absent: Brandy Maas (alternate), Rick Schnable, Heather Trowmbly (alternate)

Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2019 and February 25, 2019 special session

Motion to accept by James Boos. Seconded by John O'Connor. Approved unanimously

Citizens Forum

No one in attendance

Reports

A. Advisory Board

James Boos mentioned seeing an online video from a professional snowboarder at the Dover skate park using snow on the ramps.

B. Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

- Spring Sport sign-up continues. An in-person sign up occurred this past Saturday. Start times for fields remain weather dependent on field availability. Target is mid-April. Lacrosse is the most impacted sport since they have the earliest planned start in March. They attempt to book indoor practice times at the Arena when the ice is removed from one rink in mid March.
- Woodman Park organic fertilizer program will start this Spring with a planned open-house of May 4. Plan for displays to promote the program.
- Willand Pond Park related work on the cross-tied water work with Somersworth has tree work that has started at the park. Log removal has also happened. Peg mentioned some complaints on social meeting about the removed trees as part of the work. David mentioned the trails still remain passable.
- Park Street Park. Recreation Impact fees from a local development are intended to be allocated for Park St. Gary said they are looking at making some improvements to the path with concrete, brick or other material to maintain a clear and maintained walking path in the park.
- Winter basketball ended end of Feb. Good attendance and only one snow day. Program ran smooth.
- Men's basketball is winding down with playoffs.
- Spring/late winter youth basketball has a 6 week skills clinic. There are 2 sessions which both filled up fairly quickly. Happening between winter and spring sports.



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Old Business

Guppy Park Project Status

- Things are starting. Wetland and topographic survey have been commissions and will occur when the ground clears. Hope for the surveys to be completed by end of April to begin permit process on the park improvements. Includes drainage, baseball park, and skate park location.
- No definitive plans on full funding for the skate park at this point. Next phase involves hiring a firm for skate park design after park location in Guppy Park is decided on. Design is planned as part of the \$100,000 allocated for the project.
- James asked about the time-line on the park. Gary confirmed that breaking ground at Guppy Park remains on track for 2019. The Skate park construction itself would not happen this year. Plan to have the park designed next fall before snowfall. John suggested it may be good to involve planners early for potential impact to the infrastructure (water, lights) plan as part of the park. Gary wants to work with the interested parties to help influence the timing and needs of the skate park portion
- Peg asked for confirmation that Fish Ladder Park was not going away with the Dam Wall project. Gary mentioned that improvement to Fish Ladder Park is part of the plan of park improvement.

Awards Program Update

- Everything has been ordered. Funds are coming in from donors.
- \$1000 target remains. Quote for trophies is slightly under \$1000.
- RSVPs continue to come into the Rec office.
- Gary asked for members to arrive by 6pm next Thursday in case there is a need to help greet people or set up.

Amanda Howard Park Project

- Waiting for the property owner to make the final decision about the purchase. They agree with the assessed value of the property that triggered the offer
- The land is currently in a trust, and they are waiting for all members of the trust to sign off on the proposal.
- Gary spoke to the contact person who is attempting to provide an answer by this week on the acceptance of the purchase offer.

New Business

Budget Update



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- Budget is nearing a final version in the City Manager's office for submittal to the City Council
- The Rec presentation is scheduled for April 17

Spring Projects and Programs

- A rehab and expansion of Pickle ball court at Garrison school. There are 6 courts (4 normal, 2 temporary). There is a proposal out to expand the footprint of the courts to expand to 8 courts. That would allow the opportunity to host tournaments.
- Refinishing of the basketball court at McConnell center is scheduled for this summer. Bids from potential vendors are expected. A floor cover storage system is planned to properly cover the floors for non-sporting events to protect the floor. There have already been some calls for space for political events in the facility.
- Trying to ramp up staffing for summer programs. Much of the staff was college students who are graduating and moving on after last season.
- Dover Pride clean-up day is happening in May
- Brick orders for Veterans Park. There are already bricks ordered for the next installation session in the Spring (before Memorial Day). Still working on information kiosk for the park for location of all veteran related parks in Dover.

Friends of Recreation

- The organization was established 6-7 years ago to establish a non-profit to help facilitate donations. It is largely run by one former member of the board.
- It has not been maintained as a continual non-profit because of report filings
- The city is able to accept donations directly and provide documentation for the donors of non-profit use.
- At this stage, the organization is in a holding pattern and not active

Moving of Scheduled Meeting Time

- Peg proposes moving this meeting from a 7pm meeting to a scheduled 6 pm meeting moving forward.
- John O'Connor motions to move the start time to 6pm. Seconded by William Burr. Approved by unanimous vote.

Adjourn: John O'Connor motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Peg Purcell. Unanimous vote.
Adjourn at 7:48 pm

Respectfully Aaron Wozmak