



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 13, 2019
Meeting Time: 6:00pm

Members: David Beaulieu, James Boos (Vice-Chair), William Burr, Brandy Maas (Alternate), John O'Connor, Aimee Sanderson, Rick Schnable (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Alternate), Aaron Wozmak (Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison)

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

- A. PRESENT: JOHN O'CONNOR, RICK SCHNABLE, HEATHER TWOMBLY, AIMEE SANDERSON, BRANDY MAAS
- B. ABSENT: DAVE BEAULIEU*, WILLIAM BURR*, AARON WOZMAK*, LINDSEY WILLIAMS *EXCUSED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2019

- A. MOVED BY JOHN O'CONNOR, 2ND BY AIMEE SANDERSON
 - i. RICK SCHNABLE ABSTAINED. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

- A. NO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

4. REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

- i. JOHN O'CONNOR STATED POSITIVE OBSERVATIONS
- ii. JAMES BOOS BROUGHT UP CONCERNS ABOUT PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT ON THE PADDLE SPORTS DOCK AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR ROWERS WHILE ON THE RIVER. ALSO CORMORANTS ARE USING THE DOCK TO REST AND LEAVING A MESS AT TIMES.
- iii. JAMES BOOS BROUGHT UP CONCERNS ABOUT A LARGE PORTION OF THE SKATEPARK BEING UNUSABLE DUE TO DEBRIS FROM THE BLUFF EXCAVATION THAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED AND SWEEPED. THERE HAVE BEEN HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS CAMPING BEHIND THE WOODEN RAMP FROM TIME TO TIME.

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

- i. CITY-WIDE BOARD/COMMITTEE ENACTING REPORTING FOR MEMBER ABSENCE (EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED). WILL NEED TO RECORD THAT IN OUR MINUTES.
- ii. DOVER PRIDE CLEANUP WAS SATURDAY 11TH. GOOD PARTICIPATION
- iii. WHALE TAIL INSTALLATION STILL IN PROGRESS



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- iv. **VETERAN'S PARK; SPRING INSTALLATION OF BRICKS WENT WELL AHEAD OF MEMORIAL DAY.**
- v. **GYM FLOOR BEING REDONE IN MCCONNELL CENTER. REMOVING CROSS-COURT VOLLEYBALL LINES AND ADDING A PICKLEBALL COURT.**
- vi. **REDOING THE PICKLEBALL COURTS AT GARRISON AND ADDING 4 PERMANENT COURTS.**
- vii. **GETTING READY FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS WITH HIRING**
- C. **SENIOR CENTER TRIPS ONGOING WITH MANY TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR LINDA JARVIS HANDLES THE PLANNING OF THE TRIPS AND DRIVES THE RECREATION BUS FOR ALL OF THE LOCAL TRIPS.**

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. GUPPEY PARK PROJECT STATUS

- i. **SITE SURVEY SHOULD BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK FOR TOPOGRAPHY AND WETLANDS. PUBLIC WORKS WILL DO DESIGN NEXT**
 - 1. **WILL ALSO DETERMINE TREE REMOVAL**
 - 2. **WILL HELP DETERMINE HOW MUCH GRADE CHANGE AND BUILDABLE AREA FOR SKATEPARK**
 - 3. **MET WITH LIGHTING COMPANY AND GETTING PRICING ON LIGHTS.**
 - 4. **GETTING PRICES FOR FENCE REPLACEMENT**

B. AMANDA HOWARD PARK PROJECT UPDATE

- i. **EXPECT TO CLOSE ON THE PURCHASE OF THE ABUTTING PARCEL THIS WEEK (WEDNESDAY)**
- ii. **SETUP A SITE MEETING WITH NEIGHBORS ON THURSDAY**
- iii. **NEXT STEP WILL BE TO ORDER MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT**

C. BUDGET UPDATE

- i. **COUNCIL APPROVED THE BUDGET WITH THE CHANGES THE CITY MANAGER MADE TO THE RECREATION BUDGET THAT WAS SUBMITTED.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SPRING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- i. **LOOKING INTO SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES, FITNESS CLASSES, AND SPECIALTY CAMPS SUCH AS YOGA**
- ii. **DISC GOLF SHOP IN BELLAMY CLOSED IN JANUARY. A NEW SHOP LOOKING TO FILL SPACE AND IS ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.**
 - 1. **PARKING LIMITED IN THE AREA FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES**

B. STONEYFIELD FIELD DAY REVIEW

- i. **MAY 4TH EVENT WENT WELL DESPITE WEATHER/FIELD CHALLENGES.**

C. WATERFRONT AND DOCK INSTALLATION REVIEW



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- i. INSTALLATION FIRST WEEK OF APRIL
- ii. INSTALLATION WENT RELATIVELY WELL
- iii. ADJUSTMENT TO ALIGN WITH THE RIVER SEEMS TO BE IN THE CORRECT LOCATIONS

D. RECREATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

- i. LAST ONE DONE IN 2009
- ii. PLAN SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH A “RECREATION” DEPARTMENT AND NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOCUSED ON PARKS/FACILITIES, RATHER PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON PROGRAM-TYPE SERVICES.
- iii. WILL NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE FASTER-GROWING DEMOGRAPHICS FOR AN “ALL-ENCOMPASSING” APPROACH.

7. ADJOURN – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21