



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, October 14, 2019
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

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Call to Order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, David Beaulieu, John O'Connor (Vice-Chair), Rick Schnable (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia, Heather Twombly, Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Heather Twombly, Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), William Burr (Chair), Brandy Maas (Alternate), Aimee Sanderson, Aaron Wozmak (Secretary)

Approval of Minutes for September 09, 2019 moved by John O'Connor and second by David Beaulieu, Approved by unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: No one in attendance

Reports:

Advisory Board

- Horne Street Park: Craig Bartle reported a broken swing which was cordoned off with yellow caution tape.
- Willand Pond Park: David Beaulieu reported an old downed pine tree remains in place which will eventually blight the Dover side entrance if left after contract work is complete.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Willand Pond: New handicap accessible gate to be reviewed for installation.
- Next lot of bricks to be installed this fall at Veterans Park by Veterans Day.
- Bricks for 11 Vietnam Veterans are being reviewed for purchase. Several sponsors interested, including the Dover Rotary Club, to assist with cost. Installation planned in the Spring prior to Memorial Day.
- Issues continue with use of credit cards through RecTrac after upgrade was completed. IT from Dover & Rec Trac working to resolve the problem.
- Fall activities sign-ups & scheduling ongoing. Senior Center trips ongoing.
- Staffing an ongoing challenge. Pool, Arena, Senior Center, etc. Positions are being posted.
- Fall sports, such as Pickleball & Basketball, sign-ups underway. Accepting volunteers.



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Old Business:

Guppy Park Project Status:

- Guppy Softball field tree work continues. Removal of encroaching trees surrounding field. Rick asked about replanting plans to offset removed foliage. Gary answered the trimming is selective allowing healthier timber to thrive.
- Lighting system to arrive in 1 month and be installed this fall. Eversource installing new 208volt power service which will be mostly underground.
- Fence will be installed after lighting is complete. Possibly this fall or early spring to ready field for 2020 use.
- Longer term upgrades include greater access to area trails. This may expose some homeless camp areas.

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Good neighbor feedback. Did a walk around to consider separating equipment into possibly 3 separate activity areas. Neighbors asked about considerations for younger kids in the 2-5 age range which is out for review now. With final consensus, equipment can be ordered to proceed with installations in the spring 2020.

Master Plan Process Update:

- City had a booth at Apple Harvest Day. Attendees were able to review the plan and make comments.
- There's approximately 7-month process of gathering info before decisions are made.
- Survey is available online.

New Business:

Skate park Relocation Process:

- Reviewing siting ideas.
- Funds are available for skate park design.
- Spring of 2021 target to commence work.
- Skateboarding becoming an Olympic sport & looking to create high-quality facility.
- Repairs being done to existing half-pipe which will eventually be relocated to the new site.

CIP Projects:

- Wed night meeting to review projects. A few key projects on the docket are Indoor and Outdoor pools~ work is a few years out.



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- Garrison Hill is on the list for a few years out. Tower needs paint, overgrown trees obscuring views, and invasive species needs attention. A group approached City this summer to volunteer but need a plan.
- Skate Park will be reviewed with more attention now that school projects are completing & moving off the list.

Fall-Winter Programs:

- Gearing up for Christmas tree lighting on Friday December 6th. Festival of Trees at the Rivermill will be held the same night.
- Sign-ups ongoing for Winter activities schedule.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John O'Connor at 6:50 PM. Motion was 2nd by Rick Schnable. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu