



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, September 09, 2019
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:02pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, James Boos (Vice Chairman), William Burr, Brandy Mass (Alternate), John O'Connor, Aimee Sanderson, Rich Schnable (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia, Aaron Wozmak (Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison)

Absent: David Beaulieu*, Heather Twombly, Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation) *
(* = excused)

Approval of Minutes for July 8, 2019 moved by John O'Connor and second by William Burr. Approved by unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: No one in attendance

Reports:

Advisory Board

- James Boos reported that there is a hole in the decking of the Half Pipe at the skate park in the seam between two pieces. Another piece has some damage that needs repair, but should be an easy repair but could be expensive due to the materials cost.
- Henry Law Park: There was a report of the Port O Let facilities were very full. Gary indicated there was a large political event for Bernie Sanders of about 800 people the week before at an event that may have caused the back-up. There was also Cicada Killer Wasps at Henry Law Park over the summer. Also, there were Sand Wasps in the play sand area of the Adventure Playground, but they are very docile and have not resulted in cases of anyone being stung. We learned that adding water to the sand made the wasps leave.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Gary welcomed the 2 new members appearing for their first meeting.
- The Summer Playgrounds Program had 70 kids enrolled. It was held at Horne Street School and it ran very well
- There was a lot of activity at the pools this summer which included daily trips by many camps like ours.
- In preparation for the winter season, the Snowboard and Sledding Park at Garrison Hill will need a lot of work. There are invasive plants that take over the area each year and has been a challenge to keep clear. A group has volunteered to step up to maintain the winter park portion through this upcoming season once the City does the initial clearing
- Due to the work on the Spaulding Turnpike and the proposed removal of the General Sullivan Bridge the state has to come up with a plan to offset the impacts by making improvements to



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Hilton Park and is looking for input from Dover. The park is state turnpike responsibility, but input has been asked from Dover because of our relationship with the park. They are seeking ideas for improvement and changes that Dover may like to see.

- Apple Harvest Day: Scheduled for October 5. There will be 2 Recreation booths – one Senior Center and one for the rest of Recreation programs. They will be set up on Central Ave. by TD bank. There is a 5k road race scheduled that has a different route planned for this year.

Old Business:

Guppy Park Project Status:

- Guppy Softbal field portion on Portland Ave. has had some recent tree clearing, which has revealed the softball park that was not well seen from the road before.
- Plans are in place for lighting system to be approved and installed this fall
- Neighborhood members attended a meeting at the park and have been positive over the changes to the park, including the Skate Park. In addition, there was some comments about concerns, especially around sound coming from the Skatepark but they were told it will be almost nonexistent.
- There may be some minor changes to the location of the Skate Park (after the baseball field work is done) to see if the Skate Park should move a little bit closer to the parking lot park and away from the residential areas across the street.

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- The park was recently enlarged by buying the abutting property. The initial layout would have about half of the newly purchased space taken up by the swings and slides because of the amount of safety space that must be around that equipment. Some review of the design is being done and changes have been made to try and reduce the amount of size this swing set portion of the park will be needed. Some additional tree cutting may make better use of park space.

Butterfield Gym Work Review:

- Basketball court floor has been entirely stripped and redone during August. It just re-opened right before Labor Day. Should last another 10 years before a full stripping of the floor will need to be done again.

Pickle Ball Project Review:

- The renovation to the Pickle Ball Courts at Garrison School was completed this summer. The area was extended to now have 8 outdoor Pickle Ball Courts. They were shut down for over 6 weeks over summer to make the improvements.



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New Business:

Dog Park Shelter Status:

- The Gazebo built for this facility is going to Amanda Howard Park. Money from Amanda Howard budget will transfer over to pay for the structure in the Dog Park.

CIP Projects:

- Skate park is covered in this. Some other involves routine repair projects such as roofs. The CIP gets reviewed in October.

Master Plan Process:

- Every 10 years, there is a review of master plan. The one for Recreation is at the 10-year time line this year. The Planning Department is seeking members to join the committee for a year-long development and review process. Gary will provide info as available for people that want to join the Master Plan Advisory Group

Vice-Chairman Last Meeting

- James Boos as the Vice chair is at his last meeting this month as his term ends. He is not planning on returning as a member. In order to fill a new vacancy, James Boos moved to move for William Burr to become Chair. John O'Connor 2nds. There is a unanimous voice vote to approve William Burr as the Chairperson. James Boos than nominated John O'Connor as Vice Chair. It was seconded by Shayna Sylvia. The vote for John O'Connor was unanimous.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John O'Connor at 7:15PM. Motion was 2nd by Brandy Maas. Vote unanimous for adjourn.