



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, November 11, 2019
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

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Call to Order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, David Beaulieu, William Burr (Chair), John O'Connor (Vice-Chair), Rick Schnable (Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Aimee Sanderson, Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison), Aaron Wozmak (Secretary)

Absent: Heather Twombly*, Krista Trefethen* (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia, (*=excused)

Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2019 moved by John O'Connor and second by Craig Bartle, Approved by unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: No one in attendance

Reports:

Advisory Board

- John O'Connor reported no issues anywhere

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Veterans Day ceremony at City Hall. No formal event at Veterans Park
- Fall installation of bricks in Vet Park week and half ago
- Looking to install bricks for Dover Vietnam Vets killed in action. Have veteran's information now looking for sponsors to buy bricks for installation in Spring
- FY21 Budget into finance before Christmas. February or March Council to receive.
- Annual removal of paddlesports dock on Thursday with the help of Community Services Department and Great Bay Rowing.
- Water Front Development Land and Water Conservation Fund submittal due by December 30 in order to be reimbursed for the last \$75,000 balance of the dock project funds.

Gary reporting for Krista Trefethen on Programs

- Basketball Season is underway. Men's 18+ has started and the 35 and over and 50 and over will start shortly. Youth League registrations underway. All gyms are back open this year.
- Senior Center has new trips posted. Less day trips scheduled December thru February due to winter weather. Will gear back up in March. Ability to take credit cards has increased participation on trips. Most trips are sold out within a month of posting.



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Old Business:

Guppy Park Project Status:

- Bases of poles to be installed on Thursday by Musco
- Poles to be installed on Friday
- Fencing around field to start next week
- Tree cutting and drainage already done
- In the Spring will have infield upgrade
- Neighbors very supportive. Have requested picnic tables and trails

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Little more challenging with park layout of playground area, swings and gazebo without taking up all the property.
- Waiting for grading cost
- Back to neighbors with update next week
- Installation is projected to be in the spring or summer

Master Plan Survey Promotion:

- City had booth at Apple Harvest Day
- Lots of response on survey for the Master Plan update
- Deadline and committee meeting coming up soon

Skatepark Design RFP and Funding

- Moving \$100,000 from Amanda Howard project to Skatepark and \$100,000 CDBG funds to Amanda Howard from Skatepark
- Have \$121,000 from impact fees also being added to the Skatepark project
- Gary spoke with Nashua and Stratham. Got info on contractors used.
- To save some money will have Community Services do some sight work
- Looking to get project out to bid soon
- Looking for donors – possible naming option

New Business:

Fall-Winter Programs:

- Arena going full boar
- Pool – high school swim starts couple of weeks
- All facilities open and running seven days a week
- Working a little more on marketing
- Scrambling for staff at all facilities



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Christmas Tree Lighting Update:

- Friday December 6th at 6pm in Henry Law Park
- Get tree this week if ground & weather allows
- Will also have music, Santa and Elves

Willand Pond Trail Access:

- Need to pave access around gate
- Tree down on Somersworth side supposed to be cut up last week
- Trail open
- Stabilized drainage
- Picnic table from Dover storage to go out next spring

Next meeting December 09, 2019

Awards program touch upon after the holidays

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John O'Connor at 6:59 PM. Motion was 2nd by Aimee Sanderson. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.