



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, February 10, 2020
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, David Beaulieu (Secretary), William Burr (Chair), Brandy Maas (Alternate) John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Brandy Maas, Rick Schnable (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia, Aaron Wozmak, Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation)

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Aimee Sanderson, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Vice-Chair) (all excused absences)

Approval of Minutes for Jan 13, 2020

Moved by Brandy Maas; Seconded by Craig Bartle

Citizens Forum:

- Welcome back James Boos with friend & co-skateboarder Steve. Steve has been instrumental with James in promoting a new park in Dover. James & Gary provided an update on the status of the new park. Gary received 3 bids for a new park design and the company team of Pillar Design Studios & Artisan Skateparks was well below the other 2 bidders. Approximately 1/3 the cost. Gary verified their references & was able to meet with the representative from Pillar Design at the proposed site to confirm it would meet the requirements of their expected proposal. The company team has completed several other parks in the area.
- The company would act as the General Contractor for the park build & guide the City DPW to do as much work as possible to minimize cost. They would also like to get input on the design from the community to include local features to complement the Dover area.
- Rick asked James if there was a local club of Skateboarders – response: “Not Officially”
- Gary informed us the cost for the proposal would be under \$25,000 (limit to proceed without City Council approval). Once we have the proposal, the city currently has \$220,000 earmarked for the project, and then can seek ideas for how to fund the balance of the cost.
- Elizabeth Burr was also present to discuss the ‘Dover 400 Committee’ which is planning the City’s upcoming 400th Anniversary celebration in 2023. The committee is soliciting ideas for the event & interesting things about Dover. The activities will actually begin this year and ramp up to the final year where they expect to have one signature event per month. Anyone interested in contributing to the cause is welcome to attend the meetings which are held the 4th Thursday of the month at City Hall (First Floor conference room; 6PM)
- Craig Bartle suggested looking into WaterFire, which other cities have done on the river.
- Gary is projecting out for what recreation projects will be completed between now & 2023, which will help, determine available facilities for activities.



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Reports:

Advisory Board:

- John O'Connor mentioned the fence is pushed over a bit at the Park Street Park. Not sure it was actually damaged.
- Shayna Sylvia provided a brief community trail update. Waiting on DOT approval before certain sections can go out to bid. They also have an 'Adopt-a-trail' opportunity where individuals or entities can sign on for a 5-yr period to help keep their adopted trail section clean.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon:

- Some youth winter sports leagues will wrap up this month, while other adult leagues will continue through Feb & into March. Overall scheduling has gone well with strong participation.
- Senior Center trips ongoing. Activity has been strong.
- Gary will meet with the City Manager in the next few weeks regarding budget.
- Fourth of July planning is set with Atlas Fireworks. The \$10K donation already been secured.
- Spring sports sign-ups are primarily on-line now with only a few programs utilizing the McConnell center for registering in person.
- A Lifeguard Certification course is being held this month during school vacation week. There are currently 12 students enrolled with room for more.

Old Business:

Awards Program Planning:

- 26th Annual Awards Banquet is coming up on March 26th at 6:00 PM at the Dover Moose Hall. 13 organizations submit nominations for Volunteer of the year & Business of the year awards.
- Gary has sent out letters to historical sponsors & we will discuss follow-up calls at our next meeting.
- Rec Advisory Board will meet Tuesday Feb 18th at 6:00 to review nominees & choose recipients.
- Seacoast Printing & Awards out of Eliot is handling the awards.

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Essentially, in a holding pattern but hopeful to still have project complete by this summer.
- Stephanie Cartabona hired as a project manager last year & can now assist with project coordination.

Skatepark Design RFP and Funding:

- Skatepark will be a high quality state of the art facility that will draw people in to the guppy park area.
- There will be an upcoming geotech study to determine if there is ledge in the area, but the site is considered to be a good location based on the existing topography.



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New Business:

Recreation Master Plan Update:

- The Master Plan will be reviewed to help determine how to redesign Maglaras Park and blend it in with the waterfront park.

League Presidents Meeting Review:

- Each youth league will send a representative to meet with Gary & Krista.
- The meeting is designed to gain accountability and continuity between the city and the leagues.
- These are outside programs that kids tend to migrate to for a higher level of competition than offered by the city's program.
- As the population grows there are more participants in both city & private leagues.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Shayna Sylvia. Motion was 2nd by Rick Schnable.

Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu