



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, March 09, 2020
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

Call to Order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, David Beaulieu (Secretary), William Burr (Chair), John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Rick Schnable (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia, Aimee Sanderson, Heather Twombly (Vice-Chair), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation)

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Aaron Wozmak, Brandy Maas

Approval of Minutes for Feb 10, 2020

Approved by Craig Bartle; Seconded by Heather Twombly

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Shayna Sylvia provided a brief community trail update. Provided handout detailing city parks & associated acreage.
- Rick Schnable's term has ended & he will not return
- Aimee Sanderson advised this is her final meeting on the committee

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Fields are still too wet to use. Requests to begin use must be submitted prior to starting. 2nd week of April is typically when they are dried up & ready.
- Nets are beginning to be installed on Pickleball courts.
- Gary met with City Manager about a week ago. Budget is currently level with last year. Only real change this year is to shift certain costs such as overheads out of the Special Revenue Fund & into the General Fund. The Special Revenue Fund has been experiencing declining annual balance because overheads were included & that fund was designed to cover the cost of programming. Hopefully the shift will bring the fund back to a positive operating revenue to maintain costs for program participants.
- March 25th is the General Budget session at City Council
- April 15th is when Fire, Police, & Recreation Budget will be discussed
- John O'Connor mentioned that Citizens are welcome to attend in support of budget levels.
- Some winter sports leagues still wrapping up.
- Shayna asked if the ice rink is used off-season. One rink will remove ice this month and be utilized for indoor events until the ice is brought back in Sept. The other rink will retain ice except for a 5-week span around June.
- Many years back there was talk of a 3rd space to be added for year-round indoor turf sporting ability.



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- Senior Center trips ongoing. How the Corona Virus may impact scheduling is to be determined. Currently operating trips as planned. Only a few have cancelled for upcoming trips & all are encouraged to purchase trip insurance when booking. People are beginning to call with more questions, which may prompt a website posting soon.
- City has purchased more hand sanitizer & ordered more dispensers.

Old Business:

Awards Program Status:

- Invitations for the Awards Banquet on the 26th are out.
- Checks continue to come in from business donations.
- Scheduling at the Moose hall is all set.

Amanda Howard Park Project:

- Awaiting funding approval prior to ordering equipment.
- Still hopeful to have project complete by this summer.
- A few more trees need to be removed

Skatepark Design Status:

- Waiting for contract paperwork from Arizona based developer.
- Once agreement is complete, a site meeting can be held followed by a meeting with neighboring homes.
- Test pits to expose potential ledge areas will be conducted prior to final plan & costs to be submitted by developer.

Recreation Master Plan Update:

- Recommendations will be submitted from the Steering Committee
 - Site assessments will be conducted in coming weeks
- Shayna passed around a sign-up form to review each site

New Business:

Guppy Park Softball Field Project Update:

- Upcoming meeting with Men's Softball League
- Had a recent meeting with Electrical contractor & site still too wet to begin conduit installation
- GCAA Fence will build dugouts and a concrete floor will be added later
- Field improvements to include better drainage.
- Outfield fences have been moved back and new areas won't be seeded until Fall 2020
- There will also be parking lot improvements and a better connection to the Arena
- Goal is to begin Skatepark construction Fall 2020 with completion 2021



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Spring Schedules:

- March 24th the Paddlesport dock to be installed
- Berwick Academy will bring their Crew program to Dover this year in addition to the existing Great Bay Rowing program and UNH Crew
- Goal is to construct a future Boathouse with indoor/outdoor storage for clubs and residents
- Goal is to begin building Riverfront Park next year after site is done being utilized for staging area with construction projects
- May 9th is Dover Clean-up Day coordinated by Dover Main Street. The Kiwanis Club will begin the day with a Pancake Breakfast prior to disbursing to work areas from 9-12. Pizza will be served upon completion.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Shayna Sylvia. Motion was 2nd by Craig Bartle.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu