



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Room 236
Meeting Date: Monday, July 13, 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), Shayna Sylvia, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Vice-Chair), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Aaron Wozmak

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

Approval of Minutes for Mar 9, 2020

Approved by Craig Bartle; Seconded by Alicia Rooney

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

Shayna Sylvia advised the Trail Committee hasn't met since closure

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon:

- March 17th was the official close of regular operations & transitioned to minimal operations due to the Covid-19 Virus. Every area of operations had its own document as to how to proceed and was vetted through the local Emergency Management Team. May began discussions on the process to open segments slowly. As of this meeting, everything is now open in limited capacity with the proper protocols in place. There are also waivers for certain programs.
- Budget; Revenues essentially stopped in Q4. Budgets were adjusted for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. It's a challenge to coordinate openings & the city if holding off on expenses that can be put off.
- The Senior Center has not reopened. Working to provide new options in a safe way. Travel was cancelled in Q4 & refunds to participants processed. Future travel plans are uncertain. Hopefully some smaller group activities can be started in the fall.
- Dover has been communicating with other neighboring towns on how everyone is proceeding with programs. Each town making their own decisions on how & when to open activities. Dover has opened the Pools with restrictions & group activities are limited to 10 participants maximum.



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Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Equipment is ordered and is approximately 4 weeks out.
- Still hopeful to still have project complete by this fall.
- Ready to prep site and a few trees need to be removed.

Skate Park Design Status:

- Had a recent discussion with Arizona based developer. They had some good suggestions on how to use the existing topography.
- Some repairs we done to the existing half-pipe and potential structural issues were identified. May be difficult to move that pipe to the new site in the current condition.

Recreation Master Plan Update:

- Shayna advised the Master Plan was adopted on May 26th and is on the Dover website under the Culture & Recreation Chapter.

Guppy Park Softball Field Project Update:

- Finishing up work on the field.
- Tie-in of the electrical line by Eversource is still outstanding.
- There are currently no scheduled games but the field should be playable in a few weeks.
- The dugouts are still waiting to be constructed.
- Overall the project budget is on target.

New Business:

Covid-19 Program Impacts Looking Forward:

- All programs will continue to evolve based on conditions. Outside sports have more flexibility but are still limited. The city has had some Federal funds to help offset losses in programming but still must keep operations lean.
- The Ice Rink is open. Dover was the first municipality to reopen an ice arena. Economically, if the rink remained closed, the overall revenue loss was \$90,000. With the rink open it cut the loss to \$15,000 allowing limited programming.



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Awards Program:

- Awards were received by the City & are currently in storage.
- The Volunteer and Sponsor of the Year will be delivered at the 2021 program.
- Other awards will be given to the recipients

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Dave Beaulieu. Motion was 2nd by Heather Twombly. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu