



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

Call to Order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Craig Bartle, David Beaulieu (Secretary), Melanie Burger (Alternate) Rick Mikulis, Brian Murphy, John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Shayna Sylvia, Heather Twombly (Vice-Chair), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Aaron Wozmak,

Absent: Krista Trefethen (Asst. Director of Recreation), Brandy Maas, William Burr (Chair), Alicia Rooney (Alternate),

Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2020

Approved by David Beaulieu; Seconded by Craig Bartle

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

Introduction of new members:

Brian Murphy: Has lived in Dover for 55 years & recently retired from a career as NHL Linesman. Now working for Hockey East. Initially inquired about a position with the Arena Board which was full so they asked if Brian would join the Rec Board.

Rick Mikulis: Rick came to Dover from Maryland and has resided here for about year. He was involved in Rec programs in Maryland. He is currently employed by the State of Massachusetts where works in Policy Making.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon:

- Things are open & doing well under the allowed capacities. Still many unknowns and how things will proceed for the coming months. How the school openings & related sports programs proceed will impact some programs. Still many unknowns.
- Adult Basketball will be starting soon. A Soccer program is due to begin in September. Football is working on a plan to submit for the different age divisions.
- Other activities such as senior coffee time by reservation are ongoing.
- There is a mask requirement for all city buildings & hand sanitizers at the doors.
- Parks have seen a mix of activity requests which the Emergency Management Team reviews.
- John mentioned he received feedback from a family happy to have the outdoor pool open for recreation and inquired if the pool could stay open later into the summer.
 - Duration of the outdoor pool is dependent on staffing availability & ability to keep up with cleaning as the leaves begin to fall in.



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- Craig asked how Dover was doing comparatively to other towns.
 - Dover is equal to or ahead of most towns for recreation availabilities. We were the first municipality to open the pool and ice arena.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- Equipment is ordered and should arrive in a few weeks.
- Still hopeful to still have project complete by this fall.
- Will be a neighborhood build.
- Some items will have to go out to bid to meet the CDBG rules.

Skatepark Design Status:

- Arizona based developer. They are trying to coordinate to review site in person however flights from Arizona cannot go direct to Boston & the rep would have to drive up from Pennsylvania.
- They had some good suggestions on how to use the existing topography. Site is unique with a 25-foot grade differential across build area. Park may be terraced.
- 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 so alternate options are being reviewed to replace it as part of the park build.
- Project will be presented when CIP is discussed. Depending on final costs and how much the city can do themselves will determine the level needed for private fundraising.

Guppy Park Softball Field Project Update:

- Tie-in of the electrical line by Eversource is still outstanding. The storm last week may have set them back a bit with scheduling.
- The dugouts are constructed and hydro seed is down.
- Once electric us done the project is essentially complete.
Some clearing out by the street will be done to beautify the entry area.

New Business:

Fall Program Options:

- All programs are waiting & watching for how virus conditions evolve.
- Hopefully things remain stable so programs proceed.
- Programs will scale back if issues arrive with increasing virus numbers.



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CIP Projects:

- The project list is submitted. There is a six-year list of projects with year one taking the most precedence.
- Jenny Thompson Pool needs a new deck.
- Skate Park is on the list.
- The arena needs a new Zamboni, which typically cost about \$100,000. One of our existing Zambonis is about 15 years old, which is the age they start needing repairs.

Shana provided an update on a program called Promote Outdoor Play (POP). It will create a map of all outdoor recreational sites. They are also working to inventory all trees downtown for certain conditions.

Brian Murphy asked how Covid could change the way we invest future funding dollars based on changes we've witnessed thus-far. There has been increased usage on the community trails and perhaps future discussion will address alternatives to traditional recreation habits.

Craig Bartle mentioned Willand Pond area is underutilized and has a rich history. Gary mentioned the boat ramp is maintained by State Fish & Game, not the city of Dover. There are also some picnic tables slated for an area of Willand Pond park.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick Mikulis. Motion was 2nd by Craig Bartle. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu