

## Parks and Recreation Department



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# Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes Monday, May 11, 2015

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In attendance: Dean Lacy, Chairman; Amy Vienna, Vice Chairman; Darlene Branche, Kathi Whitmore, Mariruth Galbraith, Tom Lyons, Liz Burdette, Bill Geraghty, Bill Young,

1. **Approval of minutes of April, 2015** (*delayed – erroneously provided March minutes for review*)
2. **Public Input**
  1. Bill Young – Bike & Pedestrian Committee
    - On agenda for Town meeting: West Wheelock gateway – bike/pedestrian friendly and Lyme Road mixed use path; \$37,000 funding for Lyme Road
    - Question: why is the Lyme Road path on the side it is (golf course side)? A: more buildable; stops at Lyme Rd./Park St. intersection
  2. Bill's 2<sup>nd</sup> topic: Event on Saturday, May 16 on the Green – help students become more aware of pedestrian and bike safety – have a tent at Green Key weekend – giving away glow in the dark slap bands, funded by Hanover Improvement Society and 2 Dartmouth groups; Bill asked for volunteers from Rec Dept to help at the Pike & Ped Committee tent
3. **Spring Programs**
  - Trouble getting umpires for 5/6 & 7/8 softball (why Hank missed meeting – was umpiring a game)
  - Some bumpy starts with 7/8 baseball (coach/player respect issues)
  - Found a track coach – Dartmouth student stepped in to help when current coach diagnosed with cancer and stepped down. Hanover kids had been allowed to use Plainfield and Lebanon track & work with coaches until Dartmouth student stepped in.
4. **Special Events**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July – lined up North Country Chordsman, a band, a National Anthem singer; need volunteers along parade route
  - Muster Day – Jeff Graham hosting for the last time
3. **Facilities Report**

- Playground in Etna – more input from the community – want some kind of natural play space, but companies are not responding to our inquiries. The Etna group wants to have it done by summer. Need planning & zoning board approval. Since it is not in their queue, will take time to get moving forward
- Nothing new to report on the building; voice vote at town meeting to purchase property on Lebanon St.; Article #13 on agenda

#### 4. **Reports from:**

##### **Assistant Director**

- Finishing up camp counselor interviews
- High camp enrollment – looking to hire additional counselors
- 7/8 grade semi-formal Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> @ Black Center – need Chaperones
- Facebook – Dartmouth consulting group shared that comments are the way to get the most views. Tried to pose a question, but no one responded; Trying to figure out how to engage people
- Want to create a policy for what to post on Facebook – where are the boundaries (ex. community oriented, no financial gain, recreation element, etc.)
- The scholarship fund that helps pay for children to attend camp – the fund is empty. (It is allocated over the year). People who apply for summer camp will get turned down at this point. MyRec has the option to have people donate toward the scholarship.

##### **Facilities Manager (attached)**

##### **After School Director (attached)**

##### **Board Chairperson (none)**

#### 5. **New Business**

#### 6. **Future Agenda Items** (carried from last meeting)

- Concussion policy – will create a policy committee to determine protocol (for example, do we want coaches to take an online course?)
- Background check – in addition to local check, is there more that has to be done? Gets expensive