

**HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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**Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dean Lacey, Amy Vienna, Jeff Graham, Darlene Branche, Kathi Whitmore, Tom Lyons, Bill Geraghty

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette,

Public present: Marc Seltzer, Brian Seltzer, Connor Stafford

**MEETING NOTES**

1. **Approval of March Minutes** – Approved

2. **Public Input** – Civitas class members from HHS present (no input)

3. **Pond Party**

Bill has started working on the contract for the ice cutting and castle.

Donation requests going out 11/15/14 to pay for expenses; New sponsor: Cota & Cota; Request to the Rotary for a donation (haven't requested donation from them before); Requested \$3500 from the Byrne Foundation to sponsor the castle

4. **Winter update**

3 grade 3&4 boys teams; 1 3&4 girls team; 3 5&6 boys teams; 2 5&6 girls teams; 4 7&8 boys teams; 2 7&7 girls teams;

All coaches are on board; practice schedules are done; game schedules are done, but will be passed out in January due to foreseeable changes. December schedule was passed out to coaches already.

Fall sport feedback: Grade 3 & 4 boys soccer – one coach loaded up and beat the other teams by a lot, including other Hanover teams; Suggestion: consider having a tryout for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the season to more fairly pick teams

5. **Special Events**

Turkey Trot is an officially measured race; happening on 11/24/13

Upper Valley Running Club will put on the tiny turkey trot

11/15 middle school dance at Richmond Middle School; still need chaperones

6. **Reports from Directors**

**Director, Hank Tenney**

Thompson Terrace pavilion – cost will be up to \$18,000; there has been a \$7,500 donation. Hanover Improvement Society offered that if we raise \$13,000, they will give the final \$5,000. Hoping that the Lions, Trumbull Nelson will donate; Public Works will order wood in the winter – on pillars, engrave the names of the large donors. Will have picnic tables in the pavilion and four benches along the sides; Donations will be accepted to honor people and their names will go on the bench.

This should be done by little league season start up.

Baseball field at Thompson Terrace: Bases in the infield are being elongated to 70 ft.

Going to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> field at Farr Field (because they are accepting 2<sup>nd</sup> graders next season); will have a dirt infield; portable backstops will stay; can't put up a permanent fence because it is on a 100-year flood plain; going to put up a stone monument dedication to Mr. Farr (must go through zoning); Need to start working on signage for Greensboro Road

Etna Rink – parking lot is in; boards make a border for flooding; lights are fixed up. Ready to go

Lebanon Road white house (adjacent to Black Center) – nothing after town meeting

Soccer jamboree: There were 33 grade 3 & 4 soccer teams who participated; was a beautiful day and the event went smoothly

**Assistant Director, Liz Burdette**

See notes above under Special Events.

**Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer**

## **KAST Program Director, Nicole Leonard**

Enrollment for October:

- Explorers: Mon 50, Tues 50, Wed 50, Thurs 51 and Fri 46
- Adventurers: Mon 33, Tues 35, Wed 45, Thurs 40 and Fri 25

Enrollment for November:

- Explorers: Mon 50, Tues 50, Wed 49, Thurs 50 and Fri 46
- Adventurers: Mon 27, Tues 33, Wed 41, Thurs 36 and Fri 23

Special Events & Field Trips:

All KAST groups participated in the Hanover Parks and Recreation Fall Festival. The kids had a great time! The Adventurers (grades 3-6) had a "Fall Festival" of their own at RMS. After completing the scavenger hunt each group chose from a list of "prizes". Four of the groups chose a trip to the Recreation Center to bake, play basketball or watch a movie. Yesterday we completed our final trip.

Field trips for Adventurers are getting difficult due to basketball practice schedules and xc ski training. Kids need to be back by specific times and we have only had a partial group for trips but we will continue to offer them.

Staff:

We have hired Heidi Reynolds from Hanover for the site Director at Adventurers. She is in her 3rd week and is adapting well to the program. We are still advertising for a Program Specialist (specifically for gym games and outdoors) and a Supervisor for Adventurers.

Dartmouth staff will be on break from November 22 through January 5th.

### **8. New Business**

None

### **9. Future Agenda Items**

- We need to look at the 5-year plan, assess results of the last plan and create a new 5-year plan
- We need to institute a policy agenda; with the policy group create a naming policy for fields and present to the selectmen for final approval; must look at policies annually

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.