

Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Graham, Kathy Boghosian, Amy Vienna, Darlene Branche, Dean Lacy, Tom Lyons

Members Absent: Dave Parsons

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

Selectmen Representative: Bill Geraghty

MEETING NOTES

1. Approval of December 2011 Minutes

2. Public Input – Bill Young, 2012 Pond Party Update

Construction Super Saturday is Saturday, February 4, and Super Sunday to finish the work. The 2012 Occom Pond Party is Saturday, February 11, noon to 3:00 p.m. Weather date is Sunday February 12, noon to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed! Subcontracting bids are pending for ice harvesting and castle building. There will be busses to shuttle people from remote locations. Dartmouth College Winter Carnival is the same weekend; the theme is Carnival in Candy Land. Planning meetings are scheduled with the college and town. Estimated expenses are approximately \$4,700, and estimated income \$5,000.

3. Winter Programs

Winter programs are all doing well.

4. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee drafted a policy for advertising on Parks and Recreation facilities. The next step is to present it to the zoning board. The committee also drafted a policy for dedication of Parks and Recreation facilities, which will be presented to the Town Selectmen for approval.

5. Reports from Directors

Director, Hank Tenney

Requests for Proposals for the Thompson Terrace Playground are being sent to 7-10 bidders for quotes.

The Planning Board meeting on January 10 will include a discussion on how the Grasse Fields will be used. Dartmouth College is turning over 10.3 acres to the Town of Hanover for use by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Gloria Lacasse, Human Resources Coordinator, is working on the documentation process for background checks for town employees.

Hank is working with Jessie Levine on updating the Parks and Recreation Department job descriptions.

Nicole Leonard, KAST Program Director, has requested additional hours in the summer.

Assistant Director, Liz Burdette

Friday, January 20 is the Middle School Snowball Dance at the Richmond Middle School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chaperones are needed.

Friday, January 27 is the Family Dinner Dance at the RWBC multi-purpose room. There will be a taco bar, followed by salsa and line dancing led by the members of the Upper Valley Dance Club.

February Vacation Mini-camp is scheduled Monday through Friday, February 20-25, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The mini-camp will now include kindergartners through sixth graders.

Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer

Written report submitted by Sherry

1) Basketball is still taking up a lot of time taken up with scheduling. It is hard to juggle what is happening at the school and the requests of the coaches but it is all running pretty smoothly.

2) Winter Center programs have begun with good strong numbers: Clay 9 students, Babysitting Training 9, Game Club 2, Pottery Crafts 7, Fencing 12 and the adult classes have retained the normal following. We have added a Zumba class which maxed out in a week at 15.

3) Our renters remain strong. The ILEAD Winter Session starts this week with ten new classes and Gina is offering more of her Middle Eastern Dance classes at the Center for the winter/Spring. Party numbers are back up with a flurry of post-holiday reservations.

4) To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$33,770 for the fiscal year 2011-12. Last year at this time we were at \$31,303, showing an increase of \$2,467 over last year at this time.

KAST Program Director, Nicole Leonard

Written report submitted by Nicole

Ali, our new Outdoor Programming Specialist is doing a fantastic job! We have high hopes for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and ice skating when the snow finally comes.

Our DC staff is back although their schedules have adjusted enough that we are in search of a couple more to cover T/TH. Vanessa Moy, Adventurer Supervisor, gave her notice last week. An ad has gone into the Valley News and I hope to begin interviews for that position next week.

Enrollment & Waitlist:

Four new families began at KAST last week so numbers are begin to climb once again.

Activities at KAST:

Brian Bevacqua from Northeast Adventurers in Windsor VT began working with KAST students on January 4th. Currently we have been playing team building games as much of his work with us is geared toward snow activities. The kids are very excited for snow fort building! KAST will participate in the Occom Pond Party by creating an ice sculpture. We also have plans to send a group of Adventurers to the Marion Cross school on Tuesdays (via Advance Transit) for ice skating.

6. New Business - none

Next Meeting – February 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.