

HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 12th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

MEETING NOTES

1. Approval of June 2011 Minutes
2. **Public Input** - none
3. **"250" Report – Pig & Wolf Auction**
The Pig & Wolf Auction is planned for 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2011 at the Top of the Hop, Hopkins Center. It is a fundraiser for the Town of Hanover with proceeds benefiting the Parks and Recreation Thomson Terrace Playground and Etna Rink projects. The auction will be the final event commemorating Hanover's 250th anniversary. Tickets are being sold ahead of the event, and may also be purchased at the door. The auction committee is working on the final details and making personal contacts with potential bidders. Information about the event can be found on the town's website.
4. **Summer Review**
Summer camps were well attended with some weeks at the maximum of 150 kids. Camp Quest, the week-long camp in August, included great trips like a visit to Competition Complex in Canaan, NH.
5. **Thompson Terrace Playground Report**
The estimated cost of the project is \$25,000 to \$40,000. The Byrne Foundation donated \$5,000 and will contribute another \$5,000 if the Town Parks and Recreation raises \$5,000 (currently at \$2,200). The Recreation Department will hold an indoor yard sale fundraiser for both the Thompson Terrace playground and Etna rink projects on October 15, 2011.
6. **DACC Report** – no report
7. **Direction of the Board in 2011**
Hank asked the board to think about goals for the year.
8. **Reports from Directors**
Director, Hank Tenney
All sports groups have coaches. Teams have filled up and soccer has a lot of kids this season.

Assistant Director, Liz Burdette

The Recreation Department will not have a Haunted House this year, and instead has plans for several Halloween events. There will be a costume party for preschoolers and kindergarteners, a costume parade for kindergartners through grade 5, and a Halloween dinner with activities for all ages.

The Halloween Middle School Dance is scheduled for October 21st at the Richmond Middle School.

After School Adventures, Nicole Leonard

Lots of Changes:

When I last reported in June I was working on a name for the new united program (After School Adventures and HASP combined at the end of the school year). The new name is KAST (Kids After School Time) with the Ray School Site being referred to as KAST Explorers and the RMS site at KAST Adventurers. We have also added an additional program of KASS (Kids After School Study). The after school study program has been run by the RMS in the past but was taken out of the school budget for this year. I was approached in the Spring and again in August to discuss taking on this program as well.

Staff:

A new director and supervisor were hired for each site as well as many support staff (counselors, program specialist, reading tutors).

Enrollment:

KAST Explorers numbers max at 50 per day. Currently we have 44, 44, 50, 48, 41

KAST Adventurers numbers max at 40 per day. Currently we have 29, 39, 40, 29, 30

Numbers are all up from last year with the exception of Tuesdays at Explorers. Third graders have the option to go to either site and over the course of the past two weeks 4 explorers moved up to adventurers so I will now work on filling open explorer spaces.

Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer

1) This Summer at the Center: We have been open for hikers to use our shower/laundry facility again this summer. We have had 261 hikers visit us and 30 spend the night for 3 nights over the Irene storm weekend. We were able to have the Multi-Purpose Room floor resurfaced again as we do each summer with the replacement of several boards as well. We also, in cooperation with one of our long term renters, were able to install a new LCD projector and much larger screen in 212. The system has also been enhanced to allow the sound system to be used at several locations throughout the room. The existing screen in 212 has been installed in 215 further broadening our usage of both rooms, especially for the 17 ILEAD classes we have scheduled here for this fall.

2) Unfortunately, this summer we did not have the excellent service of our summer crew person, Ana Celaya, but we were able to hire her sister Valeria who did an outstanding job of cleaning the building from top to bottom.

3) Fall reservations are picking up. ILEAD has reserved 17 class times for the fall, Gina Capposela has reserved again for the fall as well as TKD, Norwich Bridge, Princeton Review classes, Christ Redeemer Church, Hanover Church of God, Jamie Orr's Dance Classes, Living Water Chinese-English Fellowship, and the Upper Valley Dance Club. The Girl Scouts are also renting again in the Center and committing to perform community service projects for us highlighted by their 2nd annual turkey dinner for the Seniors.

3) Fall youth classes are better than last year with the return of Archery and Fencing. Clay classes and guitar remain ever popular. Registration for adult classes remains steady with the return of Drawing, Yoga, Pilates, Still Life Painting, Watercolor & Tai Chi.

4) I have been very busy helping with the promotion of the Pig & Wolf Auction and am now turning my focus to Parks & Rec Indoor Yard Sale slated to be held on Sat, Oct 15. I can use all the help I can get so anyone who wishes to volunteer please let me know. The proceeds from the sale will also go to benefit the playground and ice rink projects. Liz and I are also busy planning for Halloween with a change in this year's agenda: starting with a Halloween Parade, then a Dinner & Activity Event followed by a Mystery Tour. Any avid Halloween fans who would like to help out just let us know.

5) To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$9,734 for the fiscal year 2012 towards our budget goal of \$57,000.

9. **New Business** - none

10. Future Agenda Items

Pig and Wolf Auction Report

Next Meeting – October 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.