

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting

July 15, 2008

7:00 p.m. at Hooksett Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board Chairman Mike Horne and Joanne Burwell. Based on current assigned Board members, a quorum was present (2 of 3). Dale Hemeon, representing Hooksett Recreation Department, was also present.

There were no minutes from June as there was not a quorum in June to hold a meeting.

The Board discussed an email to Mike Horne from Steve Couture about the Town Pond and trails leading from University Heights. Mike will contact Jo Ann Duffy in the Planning Office to get more details.

The Board discussed the Recreation Master Plan and current usage. It seems, based on current recreation needs and usage that the inventory is closer to being at zero than originally thought back a year ago. HYAA has verbally stated that the active recreation fields and indoor basketball courts seem to meet current needs. Bill Gahara will be asked if HYAA can provide a letter stating their opinion as HYAA is the major organization using Hooksett sports fields.

The issue of needing a few Town ordinances for recreation areas was briefly discussed. Mike had proposed some back a few months ago - samples from Bedford and Goffstown. This needs to be on future agendas as a priority due to the new hiking trails and potential issues there.

Dale provided an update to the Fun in the Sun program Parks and Rec runs in the summer. There were 55 children this year.

A question was asked about adult recreation programs and using the hall in the old Village School, now being used by the Town. Future agenda item.

There are two vacancies on the Board and Board members were asked to look around and make some nominations to the Town Council.

The meeting ended at 7:58.

Minutes by Mike Horne

Reviewed and approved: 9/16/08 motion R. Hebert, 2nd J. Burwell, all in favor except abstain D. Elliot