

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
September 16, 2008
7:00 p.m. at Hooksett Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Present were Board Chairman Mike Horne, Joanne Burwell, Dave Elliott and Roger Hebert.

Minutes from the July and August meeting were reviewed and approved.

The board still has a vacancy and board members were asked to suggest potential board nominees to town councilors.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinances: Mike reviewed that he had circulated copies of recreation ordinances from Bedford and Goffstown to consider in efforts to recommend ordinances for Hooksett to Town Council. Joanne asked about the need for a sign at Donati on keeping dogs on leashes. At a recent youth sports event, two unleashed dogs were fighting. Joanne and Dave will review existing Hooksett ordinances to see if a lease ordinance exists. They will also contact Dale about possibility of signs.
- 2) Parks and Recreation Inventory and Impact Fees: Mike will contact HYAA for a letter they said they would provide stating the current inventory is meeting the current need for active youth sports programs. He will also update the inventory and email it to members in time to review prior to the October meeting. Dave was given the background on impact fees, Bruce M.'s studies and reports, etc.
- 3) Recreation Trails near Heads Pond: Mike updated board members on progress by Kiwanis on the new section of the trail. He also shared that an Eagle Scout candidate, Ken Scott, was doing his Eagle Scout project on the east section of the trail, building a trailhead information board, a couple of benches, and signs on wildlife and plants/trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Use of the gym in new Town Hall building: The board discussed efforts to assist the Parks and Recreation Department in programs to use the gym and other areas for programs such as adult exercise; wellness classes, and programs which are needed to round out Hooksett's recreation programs. It was suggested to invite Town Administrator, David Jodoin, to the October or a future P&R Advisory Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes by Mike Horne