

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting
November 18, 2008
7:00 p.m. at Hooksett Library

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM. Present were Board Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott and Roger Hebert.

Minutes from the October 21st meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Ordinances:..Dave Elliott reported there is a town ordinance requiring dogs to be leashed. By copy of the minutes, the Board requests the Recreation Dept. to monitor and report if there are ongoing problems with dogs not leashed in recreation areas. The Board is not aware of any formal complaints.
- 2) Parks and Recreation Inventory, Requirements, and Impact Fees:..Mike Horne reported he is still waiting for a letter from HYAA with their recommendations on current recreation facilities and meeting the current needs of Hooksett youth sports programs. He is still updating the Inventory Summary with a new target for review by the Board of the December 2008 monthly meeting.
- 3) Recreation Trails near Heads Pond:..Mike Horne will finalize a proposed sign to be posted at Pleasant St gate and Rte. 3 parking lot entrance and present at the Dec. Board meeting.
- 4) New Hooksett Town Hall and Use of Gym:..Mike Horne reported he had communicated with Jodi Pinard, Recreation Dept. who reported, though there were some responses to her request for recreation need ideas from residents in many editions of the Banner and on Town web site, the response was less than expected. Board members recommended the Town web site have more information posted on the new recreation trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The Board discussed options of increasing active sport playing fields, looking ahead to ensure Hooksett would not have any deficit in the short and long term future. Preliminary discussions of expanding the playing fields at Peter Brook were made. Options to fund this proposal were selling the Town property now being considered for recreation and using those funds to purchase the land at Peter Brook. The Board was in agreement this approach made sense. Mike reported Dale Hemon was doing some background checking of possible agreements made years ago that would prevent this proposal or slow down the process. More information in December.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Minutes by Mike Horne