

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting

June 16, 2009

7:00 p.m. at Hooksett Library

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Board Chairman Mike Horne, Dave Elliott and Corri Wilson, alternate, Jim Molony and Roger Hebert. Absent: Joanne Burwell.

2. M. Horne acknowledged that this meeting was the final meeting for R. Hebert who served on the Board for ten years. During Roger's tenure a number of additions and improvements were made to Hooksett's recreation infrastructure (skateboard park, Peter Brook fields, impact fees started for P&R, rebuilding the playground at Donati Park, etc.). The board thanked Roger for his dedicated service.

3. Minutes from the May, 2009 meeting were reviewed. R. Hebert motion to approve minutes as written, Seconded by C. Wilson. Vote unanimously in favor.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Recreation Department Report: M. Horne reported he had talked with Dale and Jodi. Dale said the 3 signs for the Rail Trail were ready and should be installed in a week or two. The Fun in the Sun program was getting ready to start in early July. Dale reported he hadn't made progress contacting local residents living near the proposed Dog Park. M. Horne said he offered the board members to help him if he wanted assistance.

B. Report on recreation programs in other NH towns: C. Wilson reported she has started her research and has some information from Goffstown. More of a report at a future meeting.

C. Pond Behind Walgreen: C. Wilson and M. Horne said they has visited the site. R. Hebert said the pond was good for fishing back before the motel was built – he wasn't sure how it was currently. J. Molony asked if the vegetation in the area was native and what types of animals and birds lived in the vicinity. M. Horne said he would contact the Conservation Commission and see if they had any plans for the property.

D. M. Horne mentioned there would be a new alternate P&R board member starting July 1st – Stuart Werksman.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. M. Horne stated there is a meeting of ManchesterMoves on June 17th and that he will be attending to learn more of the effort in Manchester to develop their network of trails and bring info back for the July meeting.

B. J. Molony suggested putting some links from the Town of Hooksett website to local recreation trails, like what's going in Manchester. And include something on the RailTrail in Hooksett. Having information on the town website would improve visibility of Hooksett's parks and recreation infrastructure and opportunities. He volunteered to take some photos.

6. There being no further meeting adjourned shortly before 8:00 pm.

Minutes by Mike Horne
