

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
March 18, 2010

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Mike Horne, Marty Lennon, Jacqui McCartin.

Absent: Dave Elliott, Corri Wilson, Stu Werksman, Nancy VanScoy, Dale Hemeon

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting were approved as written.
(Motion M. Lennon, 2nd J. McCartin. Approved unanimously.)

Public Input: None

Recreation Department Report: No update provided.

Old Business:

1. P&R Web site on Hooksett.org: Mike will request the Recreation Department seek from web master a link for Hooksett Recreation on home page. Also, the Board needs to help come up with more information on recreation facilities to be posted for residents and visitors to access. Board members feel many residents do not know what recreation opportunities are available in Hooksett for them to use.
2. Winter Ice Rink: Dave has been working this and didn't attend. Open.
3. Right to Know Training: Close (Board members who haven't done it yet need to borrow the CD from Evelyn at Town Hall).
4. Rail Trail Update: Mike reported that Kiwanis submitted a grant for construction on the Heads Pond Trail to improve the surface and some drainage problems. They should know by mid-April if they are approved or not. Kiwanis volunteers worked on the trail on March 6th to clear the trees blown down across the trail in the wind storm. There were than a dozen trees blocking the trail. Highway and Parks Dept. employees chipped most of the brush that had been cut and stacked. The remaining work will be done on spring clean-up day.
5. Conservation Commission and Request to Help Purchase New Field: Nothing new. Open
6. Update of 5-Year Recreation Plan: Nothing new. Open

7. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Still need to map out where sidewalks and trails with the goal to do a presentation to Planning Board and get the information posted on town web site. Open

8. Old Town Hall Preservation/recreation needs: Nothing new. Open

9. Rowing Club and needs for signage and parking plan: Jacqui said the rowing club is asking to meet with the Recreation Dept. to discuss parking layout and signage for the waterfront and new dog park. Spring rowing is starting and without a plan and signage there will be issues with users of these recreation facilities which could be avoided.

New Business:

1. Open Space Sub-committee and Parks and Recreation Participation: As part of the I-93 Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP), Hooksett has been awarded funds to update the Town's existing Open Space Plan. There are a total of four meetings in the period March to June. Mike will attend and represent the P&R Board.

2. Dog Park: A question was raised on the new dog park. A board member heard it needed some maintenance in cleaning up the ground fouled by te dogs. It wasn't clear if there were supplies of clean-up bags. And if trash removal was happening regularly.

3. Need to Attend Deliberate Session on Sat., April 10: Mike asked if any board members would be attending the session as the Board should speak on the warrant item for the recreation capital reserve fund.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2010

Adjourn: 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Horne

(for Corri L. Wilson)
Board Secretary