

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**April 15, 2010**

**Call to order:** 7:02 pm

**Present:** Chairman Mike Horne, Marty Lennon, Jacqui McCartin, Dave Elliott, Jodi Pinard.

**Absent:** Stu Werksman, Nancy VanScoy, Dale Hemeon

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting were approved as written. (Motion M. Lennon, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. McCartin. Approved unanimously.)

**Public Input:** None

**Recreation Department Report:** Jodi Pinard gave the Board a great update of programs run by the Parks & Recreation Department. She said she has been working in Highways and P&R for 6+ years. The archery program was very popular and will be continued in the fall. Sign-up for the "Fun in the Sun" program is May 3, 4, and 5. The program is open for children going into kindergarten to into the sixth grade (ages 5-12). It will run from June 28 to August 20. Cost is \$70/week. Wednesdays are State park trips. Kids bring their lunches. There are seven staff member hired to run the program. Jodi said she hopes to start a Mommy and Me program in the fall. The gym in the Town Hall is being used for basketball Tuesday evenings and has been used for a few parties and Eagle Scout events. Marty Lennon asked how P&R programs are advertised. Jodi said fliers go home from school and announcements are published in the Hooksett Banner. P&R Board members felt the Town website visibility of P&R could be improved. Add a catchy link on the main page. The P&R info should also be cross linked on the Library web and information (fliers/posters) should be located in the Town Clerk's office where most residents register their vehicles and/or pay taxes. Also HYAA web site should be linked and P&R linked on the HYAA web site. Jacqui McCartin suggested posting events and programs on "whofish.com"

**Old Business:**

1. P&R Web site on Hooksett.org: The Board discussed having the Town Information Technology (IT) employee come to a meeting and better understand what is wanted on the Town Recreation web site. (Open)
2. Winter Ice Rink: Dave continues to explore options and locations with the P&R Dept. (Open)
3. Rail Trail Update: Mike reported that Kiwanis will host a spring clean-up day on April 24, 8AM-noon. They have not heard yet on the grant request to State of NH Trails. (Open)
4. Conservation Commission and Request to Help Purchase New Field: Nothing new. (Open)

5. Update of 5-Year Recreation Plan: Nothing new. (Open)
6. 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)
7. Old Town Hall Preservation/recreation needs: Nothing new. (Open)
8. Rowing Club and needs for signage and parking plan: Jacqui said the rowing club met with Phil from the Recreation Dept. to discuss parking layout and signage. Jodi said there is a new parking lot on the south end of the dog park. She will check on the status of signs and report back. (Open)
9. Deliberative Session, Sat. April 10<sup>th</sup>: Marty Lennon attended and spoke in support of the warrant to raise \$10,000 for Parks and Rec CIP. (Closed)
10. Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP): Mike Horne reported recreation was given a high priority on the draft update of the Open Space plan. He said the final plan is due by the end of June. (Open)
11. Dog Park maintenance: Jodi Pinard said this past winter was the first one for the new park and the P&R Dept. discovered it was still heavily utilized in the cold, snowy weather. They performed maintenance twice a week (removed trash and restocked litter bags). (Closed)

**New Business:**

1. P&R Board: There is one vacancy on the board (Corri Wilson's)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010

**Adjourn:** 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Horne  
(for vacant Board Secretary position)