

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
February 15, 2011
At Town Hall Offices, Rm. 204

I. Call to order: 7:04 pm

Present: Acting Chairperson Jacqui McCartin, Dave Elliott, Mike Horne, Dan Paradis, Dale Hemeon

Absent: Excused: Marty Lennon, Susanna Hargreaves, Ray Miclette

Guests: Kathie Northrup/Chair, Heritage Commission and as resident, Robert St. George, HYAA (attending meeting because Ray Miclette was running a HYAA meeting).

I. Welcome and Agenda Review: Acting Vice-Chair, Jacqui McCartin welcomed and thanked attendees on behalf of Marty Lennon for attending the rescheduled February monthly meeting..

II. Public Input:

- a. Kathie Northrup, 24 Berry Hill Rd: Kathie said as a resident of Hooksett she had a comment relating to the long term recreation plan. She said she would like to Hooksett's riverfront property have planned development happen in all areas, taking advantage of the special asset Hooksett has – the Merrimack River.
- b. Kathie Northrup, Chair, Heritage Commission invited the Board to attend and perhaps co-sponsor the dedication on the historical monument at Jacobs Square, also knows as Veterans Park on May 21, 2011. This will be the first time a historical marker is placed at a park in Hooksett. The dedication will be part of Hooksett Heritage Day, a day sponsored by the Heritage Commission, Historical Society, and Robie's Country Store Historic Preservation Corp. Kathie said she believes Jacobs Square is the oldest of Hooksett's parks. Back before the new highway bridge, it was a location where people gathered, there was an ice rink there. The land was donated to the Town after the Odd Fellows Hall was swept away in the '36 flood. The Board agreed to be part of this event.

III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January 4, 2011 meeting were approved. Motion Mike Horne, seconded: Jacqui McCartin. Unanimously approved.

IV. Recreation Report: Jodi Pinard emailed a report to Mike and he forgot to bring it to the meeting. The report said: *"We are slow right with it being winter. Mommy & Me is still running in the gym on Tuesday night and we are looking to add to new day programs from March 14 – May 28. Dodgeball League did not have a good turnout so we did not put a league together. Challenger Sports is still using the gym on Thursday nights. This is a challenged adults/teen program where they come together to play basketball. We are beginning to prep for spring and summer programs such as Fun in the Sun, and some type of outdoor programs for adults."*

Mike Horne asked Dale how the ski program (6 weeks at Ragged Mtn) went. Dale said the program was wrapping up for the season. It was very successful. Dale also said the gym at the Municipal Building is usually closed during November and December because it's used to by Family Services, HERC, and volunteer groups for assembling food baskets, the winter clothing program, holiday gifts, etc.

V. Attend Conservation Commission meeting in Town Council Chambers: the Board met with the Conservation Commission in a closed session. Minutes for this part of the agenda were included in the Conservation Commission minutes, though closed to the public at this time.

VI. Old Business:

a. Recreation Web Site: Mike said he would email Board members his ideas for the new web page.

b. Winter Ice Rink: Nothing new, except Dale said the location of an ice rink need to have ready access to a hydraunt to flood or recondition the ice surface.

c. Rail Trail Update: Nothing new.

d. CTAP Update: Mike had forwarded an email from Planning in early February reporting that Hooksett's project to install a sidewalk along College Park Drive from Merrimack St to Rte 3.

e. Land Swap with Conservation Commission: Mike made a motion to swap lands now designated for additional sports fields or parks (Hackett Hill by Corriveau Drive and Park Lane) for land needed for active sports field (urging Conservation Commission to fund the purchase of active sports field). Unanimously approved.

f. Pinnacle Park: Mike reported he had one meeting with some individuals to begin the planning for work to be done this spring once the property is owned by the Town. Mike made a motion for the Board to support the Recreation Dept. using \$25,000 of Recreation Impact fees by Dec 2011. Jacqui McCartin seconded it. Vote was unanimous to support Dales proposal at the Town Council meeting on 2/16.

Next Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday March 1, 2011. The first part of the meeting may be at the Conservation Committee meeting at 6:30.

Adjourn: Unanimous standing adjournment at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Horne for Susanna Hargreaves
(Board Secretary)