

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
March 1, 2011
At Town Hall Offices Room 204

I. Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Acting Chairperson Jacqui McCartin, Dave Elliott, Mike Horne, Dale Hemeon
Susanna Hargreaves

Absent: Excused: Marty Lennon, Dan Paradis, Ray Miclette

Guests: None

II. Welcome and Agenda Review: Acting Vice-Chair, Jacqui McCartin welcomed and thanked attendees on behalf of Marty Lennon.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the February 15, 2011 meeting were approved. Motion Mike Horne, seconded: Jacqui McCartin. Approved unanimously.

IV. Public Input: None

V. Recreation Report: Dale reports he has been working on some concepts for recreation areas (scaled layouts of various types of sports fields). Dale reports nothing new since last month regarding the Hooksett recreation programs.

VI. Old Business:

a. Recreation Web Site: Mike reported the new Town website proposed Recreation related additions are nearly finished and ready to be passed to Evelyn Horn to post. He shared copies of printed pages from the website. He is finding ways to make the Town's website recreation related pages more user friendly for Hooksett residents and visitors. Dale shared he has a power point presentation with photos of area parks and fields which might be useful on the website. Mike agreed.

b. Winter Ice Rink: Ongoing.

c. Rail Trail Update: Ongoing. Mike Horne reports that on April 4th from 6-8:00 p.m. there will be a speaker at PSNH in Manchester on the NH Rail Trail Coalition. He will speak about the benefits of the rail trails and rail trails increase the value of properties near the trails.

d. Conservation Commission and New Field: Ongoing. There will be a meeting held in the Town Council Chambers at 6:30 on March 15th to collaborate with the Conservation Committee about purchasing fields for future sports.

e. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: Ongoing.

f. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Ongoing.

g. Old Town Hall Preservation and Recreation Needs: Ongoing

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h. Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Nothing new. Dale said he has met with someone from the rowing club who has proposals to improve the parking and traffic flow in that area. Mike said any changes should have provisions for a rail trail along the old RR route going through this area.

i. CTAP Update: Mike reported the committee is waiting on a 2nd draft from Southern NH Planning Commission.

j. Heritage Day Marker at Jacobs Park: Unveiling on May 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. New Business:

a. Pinnacle Park- Mike reports that the planning group had a 2nd meeting last Thursday. A public meeting will be held once the land becomes Hooksett property. The group recommends a five year plan for the park plus having a special committee/group oversee the future of Pinnacle Park. Mike discussed the approval by Town Council to use impact fees for a parking lot and sign.

b. Recommendation on use of Impact Fees- Jacqui recommended a quarterly reporting of impact fees from the finance office to keep a handle on the impact fees. It was discussed that \$90,000 will be needed to develop a new active sports facility. Also, mentioned was a desire to highlight the recreation opportunities of the Merrimack river. Mike mentioned tubing and canoeing and how some municipalities have recreation facilities to help people recreate on their rivers. He also wanted to brainstorm other ways to highlight and show the river.

Next Meeting: Next meeting March 15, 2011 with the Conservation Committee meeting at 7:00PM (time to be confirmed).

Adjourn: Unanimous standing adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susanna Hargreaves
(Board Secretary)