

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
May 3, 2011
At Town Hall, Room 204

I. Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Acting Chairperson Jacqui McCartin, Dave Elliott, Mike Horne

Absent: Excused: Marty Lennon, Susanna Hargreaves, Dan Paradis, Ray Milette

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 March 1, 2011 and March 15, 2011 special meeting were approved. Motion Mike Horne, seconded: Dave Elliott. Approved unanimously.

IV. Public Input: None – phone calls, emails, or in person

V. Recreation Report: Dale Hemeon is no longer the director of Hooksett Parks and Recreation Dept. Jodi Pinard is now the only POC listed on the Town web, Parks and Recreation page. Jacqui said Evelyn Horn had told her that Phil Arnone was the acting director of Parks and Recreation. Jodi provided the following written department report:

“The Parks & Recreation Department is quite busy right now with finishing up cleans up of all the Parks, cemeteries and town owned land. Opening day for Little League is Saturday which is always a very nice event and the fields always look great. As for programs we had our first sign up for Fun in The Sun our Summer camp last night. We are hoping for a great turn out as we have had in years past. Mommy and Me is still going strong - we have a Tuesday night class and a Thursday morning class that are currently running. We will most likely not continue this program over the summer but start it up again in the fall. Challenger Sports just finished up their there 6 month use of the gym on Thursday nights. This is a basketball league for adults with special needs. I am extremely happy that we were able to help them out. They will begin their baseball season on June using the field located next to the Kid Kaboose Playground. Tennis Courts are scheduled to be finished soon as the only thing remaining is the seal coating.”

Mike Horne asked if the board knew how these programs are advertised. Just with fliers in the schools or with articles in the newspaper, on the Town website, or to home school networks. He said he would follow-up with Jodi.

VI. Old Business:

a. Recreation Web Site: Nothing significant to report

b. Winter Ice Rink: Nothing significant to report.

c. Rail Trail Update: Nothing significant to report

d. Conservation Commission and New Field: Bill Gahara is scheduled to attend the June 7th meeting to discuss this, once the Town FY2012 budget vote occurs on May 10th.

e. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: Nothing significant to report

f. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Ongoing. Mike Horne said with significant increase in cost of fuel, this item is also an alternate transportation need as well as for recreation.

g. Park at pond behind Walgreens: Nothing significant to report

h. Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Jacqui gave a brief overview of the meeting a while ago with Phil from Parks and Rec. Dept. There was a tentative agreement to split the cost for additional signs 50/50 between the boat club and Parks and Rec. Mike volunteered to follow-up with Phil.

i. CTAP Update: Mike reported the committee recently received a final draft report from Southern NH Planning Commission to review. A few questions on some parcels of land were being researched.

VII. New Business:

a. Heritage Day Marker at Jacobs Park: The marker unveiling ceremony will be on May 28, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The P&R Adv. Board will provide refreshments via personal donations. Dave Elliott said he would help Mike Horne with this event. Mike offered to make some brief comments.

b. Pinnacle Park: Mike reported on the Pinnacle Planning Committee public hearing on April 28th (see minutes on Town website under Pinnacle Planning Committee). There will be a public walk lead by the committee on Saturday, May 7th at 9AM and he urged board members to be there.

c. Recommendation on use of Impact fees: There was a brief discussion as to how construction of a new sports field would be appropriate use of impact fees. The board needs to look further into the future and be working with the Recreation Dept. to avoid having to return impact fees due to non-expenditure within specified time limits.

d. Potential 5K on Old Home Day, Sep 24th: Mike Horne reported he has been talking with Steve Couture, Conservation Commission, and they might be willing to organize a 5K run/walk on the Heads Pond Trail. Mike said he would see if Hooksett Kiwanis would be willing to be the sponsoring organization.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is June 7, 2011 at 7:00PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Mike Horne to adjourn, 2nd by Dave Elliott. The meeting ended at 7:48PM.

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