

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
June 7, 2011
At Town Hall Offices Room 204

I. Call to order: 7:00 pm

Present: Acting Chairperson Jacqui McCartin, Dave Elliott, Mike Horne, Dan Paradis
Susanna Hargreaves, Marty Lennon, Phil Arnone

Absent: Excused: Ray Miclette

Guests: Dave Hess

II. Welcome and Agenda Review: Acting Vice-Chair, Jacqui McCartin welcomed and thanked attendees

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Public Input: None

V. Recreation Report: Phil Arnone, Parks & Recreation Crew Chief, introduced himself and offered his support. He gave the board a brief overview of the Parks and Recreation Dept., their responsibilities (sports fields, parks, cemeteries, school fields, Town building grounds) and staffing (two vacancies of seven authorized). All equipment is maintained in-house. He shared a report from Jodi Pinard. "Fun in the Sun will start on June 27th and run until August 19th. There is still time to register and the information is posted on the website, in the newsletter, and in The Hooksett Banner. Furthermore, Jodi is meeting with a Zumba instructor to hold a class in the gym in the fall. Mommy & Me has ended. She is planning on doing a demo class to boost attendance in the fall. June 27th is the target date for the tennis courts-if the weather permits." Mike suggested a news release in Banner and website on regulations and the date/time courts will be open. Phil also talked about updating the signs at the courts.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Recreation Web Site: Mike reported he is working with Jodi to come up with maps and photographs of town parks for the website. Susanna said she would like to take some photos of some of the parks and playground to send Mike in the next couple weeks.
- b. Boat Ramp/Rowing Club / Dog Park parking: Nothing new. Jacqui and Phil discussed proposed signs and that they will probably need to be brought to the Town Council to get approval. Jacqui will get samples of wording being proposed to help.
- c. Rail Trail Update: Ongoing. Mike Horne reports that the last section needs to have the stone dust down before the fall. Kiwanis will be getting that accomplished.
- d. Conservation Commission and New Field: Ongoing. Jacqui shared the FY2012 Town budget passed, allowing the purchase of a new recreation field using funds from putting a conservation easement on Quimby Mountain Property. Dave Hess encouraged that Parks and Recreation Advisory Board keep the Conservation Commission informed. So far it looks good.
- e. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan: OPEN.
- f. Biking and Walking in Hooksett: Ongoing. Mike reports the sidewalk along the connector road from Merrimack St. to Route 3 will probably be constructed in 2012. He reported NHDOT has a public hearing in the Town Council Chambers. Wednesday night regarding widening Route 3 from McDonalds to Dunkin Donuts at 7:00 p.m.

- g. Park at pond behind Walgreens: Ongoing and everyone agrees it would be great to have a Town park there.
- h. Winter Ice Rink: Ongoing and still enthusiastically supported. Phil shared ideas on the possibility of having a rink on the south end of parking lot by the softball field. It would be near where many sled. He and Dave talked about looking into seeing if town insurance would cover an ice rink for hockey and skating. They also discussed the need to come up with possible ways to maintain it. Susanna shared some ideas to go along with sledding and the ice rink for activities: serving hot chocolate, making wreaths, and having snowman making contests.
- i. CTAP Update: Mike reported the Open Space Plan draft will be presented to the Planning Board on June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

VII New Business:

- a. Heritage Day Marker at Jacobs Park: Dan Paradis reported the event was great.
- b. Pinnacle Park- Mike reported the Planning Committee is making some headway..
- c. Recommendation on use of Impact Fees- Ongoing
- d. Unnamed Town park - Mike reports he will work on determining the naming of the park along the river across Veterans Drive from Veterans Park.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 5th.

Adjourn: Mike motioned to adjourn and there was a unanimous exit at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Susanna Hargreaves
(Board Secretary)