

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday August 2, 2011, 7:00
Hooksett Municipal Building, Room 204

Present: Jacqui McCartin, Mike Horne, Susanna Hargreaves, Dave Elliott, Phil Arnone

Excused: Marty Lennon, Ray Miclette, Mike Downer (TC Rep)

Guests: None

I. Open Meeting 7:08 pm

II. Welcome and agenda review

III. Approval of Minutes, June 7, 2011 The minutes were approved. Motioned by Mike Horne, seconded by Dave Elliott

IV. Public input –None prior to the meeting or at the meeting.

V. Recreation Department Report –Jodi is on vacation. Phil Arnone (Parks & Recreation Crew Chief) reported that the Fun in the Sun goes until August 19th. The tennis courts are open. He announced the Dept. will have the Second Annual Haunted Trail will be on Friday October 28th.

VI. Old Business:

a. Recreation Web Site - Mike said he continues to slowly work on the Recreation pages of the Town website. Susanna took several photos in June and sent them to Evelyn and Jodi for the website. Mike is going to meet with Evelyn to discuss more options to make it user friendly and informative.

b. Boat Ramp/Rowing Club/Dog Park signage –Ongoing.

c. Rail Trail Update –Mike reports the Kiwanis have met with Leo Lessard, new director of DPW, to talk about a few erosion concerns and to see if the town can help put down stone dust on the remaining section. There has been initial discussion to hopefully have stone dust down in the fall.

d. New Land for Sports Fields Update-Mike said he is following up with the town administrator.

e. Pinnacle Park Planning Committee Update-Mike reports the committee is making progress and that the Hooksett Heritage Commission now has Pinnacle Park on the state registry of historic landmarks. There was a meeting on July 28 at the library. The next meeting will be held on August 18th at 6:45 to develop recommendations for next steps and plan to proposal to share information with the residents of abutting neighborhoods.

f. CTAP Update (updated Open Space Plan). The Planning Board held a public hearing on August 1 to adopt it into the 2004 Master Plan.

g. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan -Ongoing

h. Winter Ice Rink –Phil and Dave discussed the possible dimensions and design of a temporary rink that could be taken down and put up again. The boards, gravel, and supports could be reused each year. Phil shared photographs of previous rinks he has built and explained making one for Hooksett would not be difficult. He explained that numbering and reusing the materials will make it cost effective. Phil shared enthusiasm from recreation staff for a snowman making contest, sledding, and hot chocolate in a winter family festival. Mike motioned for a 50x100 ice rink in the approximate vicinity of the south end of parking lot of Donati Field above the softball field to promote family atmosphere and activities during the winter. The board approved unanimously.

i. Park at pond behind Walgreens-on going.

j. Park along River beside Veterans Drive –Mike is getting a price and proposal for a sign.

VII. New Business:

a. 5K Race/Walk on Sep 24-Mike said the board had unanimously voted to support a race/walk sponsored by Hooksett Kiwanis with assistance from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Conservation Commission. The race/walk will be the morning of Old Home Day, starting at 8:30AM. Mike explained that they will need volunteers to help out at a water stations, at the beginning and end of the race, and on the course. Phil said the Recreation Dept. was fully tasked getting things ready for Old Home Day at Donati Park and can't help.

VIII. Adjournment: Dave motioned to adjourn at 8:08. Mike seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanna Hargreaves
Board Secretary