

Approved September 6, 2011

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday September 6, 2011, 7:00
Hooksett Municipal Building, Room 204

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

Excused: Ray Miclette, Mike Downer (TC Rep)

Guests: None

I. Open Meeting 7:05 pm

II. Welcome and agenda review

III. Approval of Minutes, August 2, 2011 minutes were reviewed. Motioned approved by Mike Horne, seconded by Dave Elliott. Unanimously approved.

IV. Public input – Kathy Northrup, Hooksett Heritage Commission, brought to Mike's attention that some of the war monuments in Veterans Park (Jacobs Square) are in need of repair. Some of the mortar is chipping and the paint on the plaques is flaking off in places. Kathie wanted to know if either the Parks & Recreation Dept. or the American Legion might address the condition of the plaques on the monuments. Phil Arnone said he would check into the problem.

V. Recreation Department Report –Phil Arnone (Parks & Recreation Crew Chief) gave the report. Fun in the Sun was a success. Jodi wrote that it was Melanie Jodion's last year after eleven years of service to Fun in the Sun. On October 28th the Second Annual Haunted Trail will be conducted at Donati Park. This year the department will partner with the Library to create a separate story walk for children under five years of age. Recreation programs: Zumba classes will be offered on Monday nights. There will also be Line Dancing and Zumba Gold on Wednesdays. On Thursday nights, there will be a Challenger Sports Night starting in October. The ski club will be starting again in January 2012. Signups will be announced in the upcoming months. The department is working on a winter event, though it is only in the concept stage. The Pinnacle signs for Ardon Dr. cul-de-sac are ordered and they are waiting for them to come in. There will be fireworks on Old Home Day. Parks & Recreation events were included in a recent Public Works and Recycling newsletter. Everyone was very pleased about it. The board asked if there was a way to include in the title "Parks & Recreation" because this would make it clearer that there would be Parks & Recreation activities included. Phil said at Lambert Park there is concern over abandoned cars in the parking area. The Dept. want to post signs regarding no parking at night, like at other parks. The Board agreed there should be no overnight parking. Phil asked if a new ordinance is needed. Mike said he will look into what can be posted. Phil is concerned the cars are a safety issue because there are broken windows and broken glass.

VI. Old Business: unapproved September 6, 2011

a. Recreation Web Site – Ongoing. Dave took some great photos which Evelyn has rotating on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board home page. Susanna is going to resize additional photos and send them in again to Evelyn to be put on the Recreation Dept. page.

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

c. Rail Trail Update – Mike reported the next meeting of the Regional Trails Coordinating Council will be September 12th in Manchester at NHSPC. Also on November 12th, the NH Rail Trail Coalition will be holding their annual conference. Mike stated: “Hooksett is a key player in any NH rail trail network because of its location.”

d. New Land for Sports Fields Update-Ongoing - priority.

e. Pinnacle Park Planning Committee Update-Mike reports the planning committee is very close to be presenting a proposal for parking and a sign. Temporary signs to deter people from entering the park from the Ardon Dr. cul-de-sac have been ordered.

f. Update to Recreation 5-Year Plan -Ongoing

g. Winter Ice Rink –Ongoing. Phil and Dave are discussing options and getting estimates.

h. Park at pond behind Walgreens-Nothing new.

i. Park along River beside Veterans Drive (Heritage Landing) –Mike is getting a price and proposal for a sign. Phil said there should be a standard format for signs at the fields and parks.

VII. New Business:

a. 5K Race/Walk on Sep 24-Mike said people are beginning to sign up for the race/walk on September 24th. The race is sponsored by Hooksett Kiwanis with assistance from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Conservation Commission. The race/walk will be in the morning of Old Home Day, starting at 8:30AM. Mike explained volunteers are needed for many tasks, one task is to help out at a water stations, others are at the beginning and end of the race. Volunteers will be needed starting at 7:00. Jacqui, Dave, and Susanna said they will be there to help out, put them on the volunteer list.

VIII. Adjournment: Jacqui motioned to adjourn at 8:10. Susanna seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Susanna Hargreaves
Board Secretary