

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday October 4, 2011, 7:00
Hooksett Municipal Building, Room 204

Present: Jacqui McCartin, Mike Horne, Susanna Hargreaves, Dave Elliott, Mike Downer (TC Rep)

Excused: Ray Miclette, Phil Arnone

Guests: None

I. Open Meeting 7:05 pm

II. Welcome and agenda review

III. Approval of Minutes, from September were approved. Motioned by Mike Horne, seconded by Dave Elliott

IV. Public input –None

V. Recreation Department Report – None provided. J. Pinard told Mike that Phil Arnone (Parks & Recreation Crew Chief) was not available to attend the meeting.

VI. Old Business:

A. 5K race - Mike Horne reported that it was a success with almost 100 people who ran or walked. Mike Downer said the race was a nice showcase of the Head's Pond trail and the Library. It was a positive activity for the town.

B. Recreation on Town Web Site- Everyone agreed that Dave has included some nice photos. Some suggestions for Evelyn are that it needs a link to the parks and recreation committee on the parks and recreation page. The board also was supportive about students making a Public Service Announcement (PSA), or flyer to post on the website for Earth Day. Highlighting how to help keep our parks and playgrounds clean. Jacqui suggested having a map with locations of all the parks. Mike Downer suggested talking to Evelyn or Dean Shankle the Town Administrator. Places of public interest on a map.

C. Boat Ramp/Rowing Club/Dog Park signage-ongoing.

D. Rail trail update Mike reported that this fall the Public Service of New Hampshire Transmission Division will spend a day of community service repairing parts of Head's Pond Trail.

E. New Land for Sports Field - At the Sept. 28th Town Council (TC) meeting, a joint

public hearing by the Conservation Commission and Town Council was held on the purchase of a conservation easement on the Quimby Mountain property with the provision that funds paid to the Town would be used to purchase land for new sports fields. Later in the TC meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase a new field at Peters Brook, as was recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board last fall. Mike Downer said he will reach out to Phil Arnone, Leo Lessard (DPW), and Tom DeVos (HYAA) to see if they are looking for any recreation needs input from any local organizations. Mike Horne expressed his disappointment that the Board was not informed of the Public Hearing (TC agenda was vague on what conservation easement was being presented) because he would have attended to speak in support of the purchase.

F. Pinnacle Park -Mike Horne said the Department of Public Works has flagged a potential area for a gravel road into a gravel parking lot coming off Pinnacle Rd. He will schedule another meeting of the Pinnacle Planning Committee soon.

G. Update to Recreation 5 Year Plan- nothing new.

H. Winter Ice Rink - Dave said he spoke with Phil as efforts move ahead to build an ice rink this winter. They are looking at specifications to determine size, construction requirements, etc. There is much enthusiasm and support of P&R Advisory Board members for this ice rink and a winter festival for the town.

I. Park at pond behind Walgreens - nothing new.

J. Park along River beside Veteran's Drive - nothing new.

New Business- There is a position open for a full member due to Marty's resignation. The board agreed to table this to the next meeting in order to have the full complement of staff in which to choose and so everyone will be heard.

Motion to officially close Jacqui, seconded Susanna

Respectfully submitted,
Susanna Hargreaves
Secretary