

Unofficial

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

January 15, 2013

7:00 pm

J. McMartin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Members Present: J. McMartin, T. Prasol, M. Horne, D. Raiche, L. Lessard

Members Absent: D. Elliott (excused)

A motion to approve the minutes as amended (change from & to \$) from 11/20, and also to remove the “unofficial” on past minutes posted online was made by M. Horne and seconded by D. Raiche and was unanimously approved.

The board heard from Jeff Burd regarding the possibility of building a park on Blackwater Road in the University Heights subdivision in lieu of impact fees. Mr. Burd provided the board with a description of the University Heights area where plans indicate 150 single family homes as well as apartments and condos totaling 400 units. He noted that there is a public use parcel across the street from the apartments being built on Blackwater Road and is requesting a waiver for the impact fees to develop a park on said parcel. The proposal includes 2 tennis courts/skating rink, a parking lot with restrooms, ¼ mile walking trail, as well as an open lawn area with lights. The impact fees for the apartments total \$118,000 and the project is estimated at \$130,000. The developers are hopeful for a timeline to include building this summer with the proposed name Abbey Park. There was also discussion about the future cleaning up of the pond area on the left side of the subdivision.

A motion to approve of the project was made by M. Horne and seconded by T. Prasol. The motion was unanimously adopted by a vote of 4-0.

Leo Lessard, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department provided an update on universal signs for Pinnacle Park, Lambert Field, Donatti Fields, Draser and Heritage Landing to be in line with the Board’s decision of the signs at the previous meeting.

The Board also received an update on the Hanna Ho Hee Pond being used for skating. The Parks and Recreation Department has cleared a path, put down pallets over the marshy area, and created benches with 4x6 boards and stumps. Once open it will be advertised in the Hooksett Banner and other places. The board also heard that there will be a Winter Carnival during February Vacation.

The board received notification that the Conservation Commission purchased the Merrimack Riverfront.

M. Horne worked extensively on enhancing the Parks and Recreation website with icons and Google Maps showing available recreation in Hooksett. Discussion of the website resulted in a go-live decision for the map on the website. The board members will work to find some more Google map icons to be used.

Agenda items for the next meeting include work on the 5 year plan.

In regards to new business, Leo Lessard spoke to the board about expanding the Parks and Recreation Department to include more town events, ie. Bingo, Foxwoods trips, and other programs. The board unanimously supported the idea.

M. Horne moved to adjourn at 8:27pm, which was seconded by J. McMartin and was unanimously adopted.

Board Secretary: T. Prasol