

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday March 18, 2014
Hooksett Municipal Building, Room 204

Attendance: Tom Prasol (Chair), Dustin Raiche (Vice-Chair), Dave Elliot, Jacqui McCartin
Guest: David Hess (Conservation Commission), Stacey Howe (HYAA), Councilor Adam Jennings

Meeting called at 7:01 by Tom Prasol.

January minutes motioned for approval by Tom Prasol (2nd by Dustin Raiche)—approved unanimously.

Public Input: None.

Conservation Commission:

David Hess attended the meeting to explain the river front project. The new town owned, conservation protected lands extend from the courthouse all the way to the Allenstown town line; currently 126 acres (up to 135 acres including a sizable island off shore). This land is for passive recreation only. The plans call for development of trails on the acquired land including already current trails and the formation of new trails. A full detailed plan is expected to be in place by the end of the year. Parking may be near the rowing club. Trail development is expected to begin in 2015 and will be completed in one season.

HYAA Board Report:

Stacey Howe (President) provided updates of the sports. Football won the state championship; lacrosse participation numbers are up—in contrast baseball numbers are down—however, overall participation is up. Spring sports have begun and are now in full swing. HYAA is receiving the Community Impact Award from Kiwanis. Very early discussions on an indoor facility for sports. Also talk of possible hockey league/teams.

Petersbrook Field Update: (Email from Leo Lessard).

Leo Lessard has been in contact with Manchester Sand & Gravel regarding the Petersbrook site. The operation has been shut down for the winter months, and Manchester Sand plans to start back up as soon as snow and mud season ends. 20,000 yard of fill our expected to be moved by the end of June.

Once fill is complete, Dept. of Public works will install electrical lines for the light pools. After completion of that Manchester Sand will spread loam and the irrigation system will be installed. The irrigation system will need to be rebid as the current bid on record is two years old.

Upon installation of irrigation, the entire site will be hydro seeded and the hope is that this will all be complete by late fall. If completed in the 2014 season, the grounds will need two growing season before play can begin on the fields. That would place the current target date for field usage as spring 2017.

Tom Prasol motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted by: Dustin J. Raiche