

## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Tuesday August 18, 2015 Meeting

Hooksett Municipal Building

35 Main Street Hooksett NH 03106

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Chair Jacqui McCartin.

### **Attendance:**

Jacqui McCartin, Steve Smith, Deb Miville, David Elliot

Absent: Adam Jennings (Town Council Rep), Richard Cote

Guest: Stacy Howe, HYAA Chair

**Motion** to approve the minutes of July 21, 2015 by Steve Smith

Seconded by David Elliot

Unanimously approved 4-0.

**Public Input:** None

### **New business:**

#### **Conservation Commission update:**

Deb Miville – also a Conservation Commission member

Maps of Merrimack Riverfront Project were shown to the Board.

The construction of the Brown Brook Bridge will be started and completed by the end of this year 2015.

Another bridge is being built at the other end of the Riverfront property, to be sturdy enough to cross the wetlands, so that the farmer can harvest the hay.

Construction timing is mitigated for the migration of Wildlife Owls – the trees in which the owls nest, will be removed while the owls are away from the property.

#### **Stacy Howe – HYAA Chair**

- Spoke about Petersbrook property –
- The bankings have been sprayed for grass – it takes 2 years to grow grass.
- There was a RFP for the electrical.
- Manchester Sand and Gravel has moved all the dirt.
- Waiting to excavate for conduits.

J. McCartin: Can GE Aviation spring for the turf?

Stacy Howe: I am sending them a letter. It costs \$3 million for turf.

Stacy Howe: The Hooksett Little League field is the best Little League baseball field in the state.

**HYAA Report:** Stacy Howe

The fundraiser was cancelled. Soccer/ Football are in full swing.

Attendance is way down for Football. The HYAA group wants to leave the Junior Pop Warner Football League, for two reasons: 1) because they only play in MA.

2) Pop Warner plays by weight, and the kids want to play with their friends.

HYAA started a Flag Football program -- \$25 registration per player.

At evaluations on Sunday, the HYAA got 121 children to sign up, boys and girls.

Play is only one hour per week on Sundays – they play 4 games at a time, and the ages of the participants are 5 to 15 years old.

The goal of HYAA is to move the older children to Tackle Football.

**Other Business:**

Jacqui McCartin will attempt to obtain the electronic version of the P&R Board's 5-year plan from former Chairman Tom Prasol, in order to be able to work on the plan moving forward.

David Elliot was updated on the Dalton Brook Pond presentation.

Deb Miville is tasked to come up with questions for the P&R Department in regards to the Dalton Brook Pond property, so the board can move forward with that future project.

Jacqui McCartin stated that she volunteers to pull the Dalton Brook Pond deed.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Steve Smith at 8:00pm

Seconded by Jacqui McCartin.

Vote was unanimous 4-0

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Miville, Secretary

