

MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Wednesday, March 9, 2016- 5:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair
Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr. Vice-Chair
Councilor Nancie Cameron
Councilor Jon McCallion

Administration/staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Recreation Supervisor Kristen Ducharme
Code Compliance Officer Joe Devine
City Clerk Trish Harris

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor McCallion, made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting. The motion passed, 4-0.

Councilor Cameron entered at 4:35pm.

PARKS & REC FACILITIES OVERVIEW

Code Compliance Officer Joe Devine gave a presentation on the cameras at Noble Pines. The cameras are able to move and zoom as needed. There was discussion about hooking the cameras up to wifi so they can be watched in real time.

Code Compliance Office Joe Devine left the meeting at 4:40pm.

Recreation Supervisor Kristen Ducharme distributed a handout of Park updates. There was lengthy discussion about the recent updates and projects the Timberland completed, as outlined in the handout. There was also discussion about the Park Improvement Forecast, which is also included in the handout.

City Manager Bob Belmore said they are having difficulty finding a contractor to complete the boat launch project as Mast Point Dam. Somersworth Highway Department will also be assisting in some work there. The Highway Department has also done some work at Ash Street Park and Noble Pines.

There was discussion about the Town of Berwick's boat launch. Berwick used Easy Docks which is ADA compliant. Our dock is part of a grant and we need to follow parameters.

There was discussion about the Riverwalk. Chinburg, the owner of the mill, has approval to install an atrium between their buildings. This will be an easy entrance to the riverside. This could encourage other businesses to do something similar and extend the Riverwalk. Aclara is interested in community involvement. Maybe this is an area where they could get involved since they are along the river as well.

The Committee discussed Kids Camp. Rec Supervisor Ducharme said early registration opens March 21st and will continue through May 6th. She said the number of kids attending the camp has increased, but they are limited in how many can attend.

Councilor Dumont asked about busses coming in from other communities to use the Splash Park in Noble Pines. Rec Supervisor Ducharme said she has had people call to inquire, but she nicely denies their request. We just aren't able to take the capacity of busloads of people.

MISCELLANEOUS

May 7th is Clean Up Day. This is the first time Rec has been involved. It is a good time to get things done.

Park Clean Up is scheduled for April 9th. Rec Supervisor Ducharme is going to look into combining these events.

The school purchased software to be used to schedule fields, funding, practice schedules, etc. The City Manager will meet with Superintendent Mosca to further pursue working together and working with various sports leagues and sport booster groups .

Councilor Dumont asked about the requirement for non-school teams to supply a certificate. Rec Supervisor Ducharme said a meeting has been scheduled with the other organizations and this will be discussed.

Councilor Dumont also asked about duck hunting from boats on Willand Pond. City Manager Belmore said Dover is introducing a resolution to their City Council was his understanding.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilor Dumont moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor McCallion and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk