

## **City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2016 Meeting**

**Committee Members:** Althea Barton, Counselor Gail Matson, City Counselor Candace Bouchard, Lauren Fielder, Mary Miller (Chair) Chiara Dolcino, Marilyn Fraser, Amelia Martin Brock

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director and Laura Bryant, Recreation Supervisor

**Guests:** Steve Michlowitz, Dave Stevenson, Fred LaFontaine, H Olson, Murph Abbott

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm. As there was no quorum at the last RPAC meeting the minutes from last meeting are for information only

New Business:

1. **Pickleball Courts:** Parks and Recreation Director David Gill reviewed a request from the pickleball players to repaint the pickleball lines at Merrill Park so they can increase the number of courts from 3 to 6. In doing this the courts will remain multipurpose courts that will allow both tennis and pickleball to be played depending on interest. David indicates the cost of the project would be around \$7,000 which includes new portable nets, lock box of the nets and lining the court. David introduces David Stevenson and the other guests are there to support the work. David Stevenson highlighted the growth of pickleball in Concord since the department added the program two short years ago. There are now over 100 people on the pickleball email list and growing weekly.

The Recreation Park Advisory committee recommends David make a request to the City Manager to add this project to the FY17 Budget. David indicated he would make the ask and indicated the managers budget usually comes out in mid-May and City Council will have several opportunities for public input in case this request in not included in the mangers request.

2. **Community Center Update:** David highlighted the latest report of the three options for the scaled down new community center. The new plan calls for a new high school sized gym and 6 meeting rooms. The plan currently does not include an indoor walking track, indoor turf field or Concord TV studio space. The committee recommends adding an elevated walking track for an addition \$600,000 (estimate) if able. Mary Miller noted however not at the expense of the project. The committee agreed in the event the city can afford to add an indoor elevated track it would be a great addition to the project however it would not be a deal breaker if it was not included.

3. **July 4 Planning:** The Parks and Recreation Director over the next 30 days will explore moving the Cities Annual July 4 Celebration to a new location that will allow for a larger show and more events going on for the participants. If a new location cannot be confirmed by mid-May the event will be held at Memorial Field again.
4. **GSCC Gym Floor.** The Parks and Recreation Director informed the group due to water damage from the sprinkler the gym floor will be replaced. Work is under way and we hope to reopen the gym in early May.
5. **Spring/Summer Programs:** Recreation Supervisor Laura Bryant updated the committee the next session of classes is underway and registrations for summer camps have also started. She also noted the hiring for all summer positions has also started.

#### **Ongoing Unfinished Business**

1. **Rolfe Pool Renovations:** Project should be done for the beginning of the 2016 Pool season.
2. **Skate House:** no update. Waiting for final plan to be presented by H.L. Tuner Group
3. **Skate Park Planning Meeting:** no update

Respectfully submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill