

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting minutes from Sept 15, 2016 meeting at Rollins Park**

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

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm. Approved last meeting minutes (from July).

Agenda Items:

1. Referral from City Council for Martin Park Improvements.

Mr. Tarbell and Scott Daniels from Concord Youth Lacrosse Association reviewed a plan to build a new “game only” field at Martin Park. This new fields would be constructed on the west side of the parking lot. Total cost of the new field is estimated to be \$420,000. Mr. Daniels highlighted the success of the relatively new lacrosse organization and thanks the committee as the partner with the City of Concord Parks and Recreation has been instrumental. Chiara asked David Gill if there are any other users of that side of the field. David indicated around 10 years ago there used to be a Div. 2 soccer field there and at the moment Concord Capital Football League uses it for some practices. Mr. Daniels did indicate would it be possible, when the field is built to have it game only. David indicated he would need to meet with Concord Capitals to better understand their uses of the area. Both Mr. Tarbel and Mr. Daniels indicated the league would be interested in building this field at no cost to the City of Concord and understands it’s a city park and other groups may use the facilities based on current scheduling practices from Park and Rec.

Mary made a motion to accept the concept of a new field, 2nd by Chiara and passed. David indicated he will work with Engineering Dept. as they also had this project refereed to them and would schedule a meeting after the football season with the football league. He will report back after the meeting with the football league.

2. Review of summer pool season. David highlighted the pool season: 691 children took part in our lesson program, we managed to keep 3 pools open an extra week due to new funding from city council in this year’s budget. Kimball Pool renovations started in August and will be completed prior the pools opening in June 2017.

3. New Goals added by City Council for this fiscal year.

David highlighted the new goal regarding the Arena and Kiwanis Park:
Work with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, the Arena Advisory Committee, and City staff from the Community Development and General Services Departments to create a plan for future operations, investment, and management of Kiwanis Park and the Everett Arena property. David passed out a copy of the 2017 Operating budget overview of the Arena and indicates a joint meeting will be schedule for just after the New Year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm as there was a public information meeting at 6 pm regarding the trees at Rollins Park.

Respectfully submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill