

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Notes from September 19, 2019 Meeting**

Committee Members: 4 members were present which is one short of a quorum. Members present: Chiara Dolcino, Stacey Brown, City Councilor Gail Matson, Chair Mary Miller.

Staff Members: Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill and Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Laura Bryant

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Mary Miller

Stacey made a motion to accept minutes from August 2019 meeting, second by Chiara, approved.

Guests: Senior walking group (10), Jennifer Huff, potential Ward 4 member

New Business:

David passed around a letter from Sara Ward resigning from the Committee. David reminded the group the following Wards have openings on RPAC: Ward 2, Ward 4, Ward 6 and Ward 9. David then introduced Jennifer Roff as she is interested in serving as the Ward 4 Rep. Everyone welcomed Jennifer.

Senior Passport Members: walking program use of gym

David Gill began the meeting by giving an overview and past history as to how the gym has been used for senior walking program. As indoor walking was scheduled to start back up after summer break the Parks & Recreation staff suspended the use of the gym for senior walking until RPAC could review. The Senior Passport members have requested the continued free use of the gym for 6 hours per week for walking.

A group of 10 Senior Passport Members spoke about the floor in the gym being much better for their joints, especially for those recovering from knee surgery, etc. They expressed the importance of the walking not only for health benefits that everyone can take part in but also the social interaction it provides.

“Carry In/Carry Out” Pilot program at 3 parks

David Gill shared with the group that we are currently “piloting” a “carry in/carry out” at 3 of our pocket parks; Fletcher Murphy, West Street Play lot and Thompson Park. This program will run until November 1st. when we begin to remove trash cans in the majority of the parks for the winter. At this time of year we are collecting roughly 1000lbs of trash per week, while in the summer months there is over 3,000lbs removed weekly (not including Memorial Field). The hope is a “carry in/carry out” program would help reduce costs as well as free up staff to work on other park projects. David will report back at the November meeting to review.

Terrill Park Update

David announced that funding has been approved for phase I of Terrill Park which is expected to be complete by August 2020. He anticipates the RFP for the project will be ready in late December.

Park Project Updates

David shared photos of the work the park staff has done to clean up the pond at Rollins Park.

Staff has also been working on cleaning up the tree line behind the playground at White Park.

Community Center Events this Month

David gave quick update about all of the rentals taking place at the community center this fall. Several rentals during the month of September had the building at capacity. Parks & Recreation hosted the NHRPA State Conference & a Maintenance Workshop, several Primex trainings, City Employee Picnic, and the NH Food Alliance Retreat.

Upcoming Events

Lastly David shared the Wings and Wheels event happening at the Airport on Sunday September 22nd 10:00-2:00pm. The event will include planes, cars and a food truck festival. This is a FREE event.

Gail made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:48pm, seconded by Stacey, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant