

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2020 ZOOM Meeting**

**Committee Members:** Jennifer Roth, Chair Mary Miller, Stacey Brown, Marilyn Fraser, Chiara Dolcino, City Councilor Nathan Fennessy and, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard

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

**Guests:** Tara and Elizabeth Thompson

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chair Mary Miller

Mary made a motion to accept minutes from August 2020 meeting, second by Marilyn, approved.

**New Business:**

**Terrill Park Update -**

Elizabeth Thompson has been working as part of her Girl Scout project to raise money for features at the Dog Park at Terrill Park. So far she has raised \$1,053.00 for agility equipment; she has also received offers for donations which have been forwarded to David Gill. Elizabeth has raised the money by selling homemade dog treats. Equipment will be ordered once all the money and donations have been received. Anyone who wishes to make a donation may contact Tara Thompson [taradavisthompson@gmail.com](mailto:taradavisthompson@gmail.com)

**Merrimack Greenway Trail**

David shared the map showing the next section of the trail to be designed and permitted. There will be a public hearing in October where the City Council will decide whether or not to appropriate funds for the design they will also be asked to give permission to apply for a LWCF grant. City staff will work with MGWT group to write the grant.

**Fall Sports Update**

Laura gave a brief update on how the first couple of weeks have gone. A few kinks to work out at the beginning as far as the check in process for soccer and flag football but after the first week everyone seemed to get into a good rhythm and so far things have been great.

**Buddy Benches**

David let RPAC know that the Buddy Benches have been installed at Keach and Rollins. Mary added that these benches are also at some of the schools so the children know how they work. If a child is sitting on the bench they are looking to join a game, etc. Other children will know that and ask them to join.

**CIP WP Maintenance Shop**

With CIP review coming up later this fall David asked for 2-3 RPAC members to help with the White Park Maintenance Shop project. Participants will take a tour of the facility to look at improvements needs. Jennifer, Candace, Nathan and Stacey volunteered.

### **Additional comments**

Candace asked about White Park Pond. David responded letting RPAC know there is no easy way to remove the lotus. Ultimately the pond would need to be drained which would cost 200,000-250,000.00. David is looking to get a quote for spraying next. Later this fall staff will remove seed packets from the plant to help reduce the spread.

Candace made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:24pm, seconded by Nathan, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant