

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021 ZOOM Meeting**

**Committee Members:** Chair Mary Miller, Marilyn Fraser, Jennifer Roff, Nick Kotkowski, City Councilor Nathan Fennessy and, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard

**Staff Members:** Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Laura Bryant and City Planner, Heather Shank

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Chair Mary Miller

David read the public meeting procedures notice for zoom meetings.

**New Business:**

**Gallery at the City-Wide Community Center -**

Laura explained the idea of hosting a local art gallery at the City-Wide Community Center. Parks & Recreation would designate a hallway inside of the community center to display art work from local artists. After a brief discussion all RPAC members were very supportive. If successful staff will also explore having some art work outside around the center (like on main street). David and Laura will continue finalizing the process for the artists to apply to display their work. Initially David and Laura will select the art to be displayed.

**RPAC Members on Website**

David would like to highlight RPAC and its members on the website. Marilyn has already sent in her information. Everyone else will send in their information to Laura by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Seasonal Positions**

All summer position with Concord Parks and Recreation have been advertised. The department is hiring Lifeguards, Camp Counselors as well as Maintenance staff. Concord Parks & Recreation is hopeful to open all pools. In order to ensure all pool staff will be trained, Concord Parks & Recreation will be doing in house lifeguard training this summer. RPAC was asked to spread the word to anyone looking for a summer job.

**Outdoor Winter Recreation Update**

David gave an update on the winter operations so far this year. We have had 34 days of ice skating so far, compared to a total of 18 skating days last winter. Laura shared the Sled Library with RPAC, which has been installed at White Park. XC Skiing at Beaver Meadow Golf Course has been excellent this year. The fundraising efforts for a new Groomer are underway.

**Spring Brochure**

The spring brochure is out now. This brochure includes programming beginning in March as well as the traditional day summer camps offered. The brochure can be accessed online at [www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com)

## **RPAC CIP Recommendation**

David recapped the December CIP meeting. Confirmed all RPAC members had a copy of the report.

## **Additional comments**

Candace asked about the library at CWC reopening. David responded we have been in touch with Todd Fabian the Library Director and hope to re-open in May or June.

Laura shared information about Senior Meals distribution we have started at the community center. Concord Parks & Recreation has partnered with CAP to hand out prepared meals to Seniors.

Marilyn made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:pm, seconded by Mary, passed.

Summited by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant