

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2015 Meeting**

Committee Members: Althea Barton, Counselor Gail Matson, Mary Miller (chair), City Counselor Candy Bouchard, Lauren Fielder, Chiara Dolcino and Marilyn Fraser,

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mary Miller.

New Business:

1. Park Plan Review – looking for 2 or 3 members to help review staff plan.

David asked for two or three volunteers to review a maintenance and park planning guide that he and Chris Jacques are working on. First meeting would be in early May and report back to RPAC. Lauren and Althea agreed to help review plan. Discussion on who will approve the plan, David indicated it was a working “living breathing” document and hopes to present the plan to City Administration by Fall.

2. Spring Parks Update

David gave a short update on field conditions – all are still closed due to the long winter. He expects most athletic fields will be open by the week of April 20. The group asked has this winter delayed the opening of the fields, David stated this is just a little later than normal; the fields are usually open by week of April 15.

3. Basketball Men’s League Update

David stated he had a meeting with the current person who runs the Men’s Basketball League and he was in agreement that the Parks and Recreation Department should run the league going forward. David stated City Administration also agreed we should run the league to help better schedule the facility and increase facility usage. Everyone was in agreement this is a good idea has they have heard complaints regarding how the league is currently managed and advertised.

Ongoing Business

1. Skate House

David indicated he was hoping to have the update new skate house plans to present at the April meeting.

2. Community Center Planning

David indicated the City Council will review options 10 and 11 at the April City Council meeting with the hope of them picking one option to move forward with.

3. July 4 Planning.

David indicated the RFP will be awarded for this year July 4 within the next ten days. The event will be held again at Memorial Field. Lauren asked is there still plans to move the event downtown. David indicated yes however with Main Street Construction going on this year it was not realistic to move it.

4. Green Street Floor Update

David indicated the work of the floor replacement will begin by the end of the month and should be finished by May 23.

Respectfully submitted by David Gill