

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting minutes from July 28 meeting at Beaver Meadow Golf Course**

**Committee Members:** City Counselor Candace Bouchard, Lauren Fielder, Mary Miller (Chair) Chiara Dolcino, Marilyn Fraser, Amelia Martin Brock

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm. Approved last meeting minutes.

Agenda Items:

1. **Request to convert Beaver Meadow Tennis Courts to 8 full time pickleball courts (letter sent from City Council):** Alex Vogt reviewed his request to remove the tennis courts and posts at Beaver Meadow Park and install 8 permanent pickleball courts. David Gill highlighted several years ago pickleball in Concord started at Merrill Park Tennis Courts with taped out courts and we now have six painted multipurpose (tennis/pickleball) at Beaver Meadow. David reminded the committee that just this spring the pickleball community asked RPAC and City Council to fund repainting the lines at Beaver Meadow and purchase a lock box for the nets. RPAC and City Council agreed to update the courts, estimated cost was around \$7,000.00. David also indicated the city has two painted courts now at the Green Street Community Center gym and one in the former Dame School. Candace asked are there other outdoor locations that might work as well. She feels the city might want to add several courts throughout the city to have pickleball more accessible to all. She also asked Mr. Vogt if he would be open to converting two of three tennis courts and make 4 to 6 pickleball courts and that would leave one tennis court. Mr. Vogt said that might be a good option until they outgrow 6 courts. Candace made a motion to have staff research costs for full conversion to pickleball courts and another one for partial to include several full time pickleball courts leaving one full time tennis court at Beaver Meadow. Seconded by Marilyn and approved. Mary Miller also indicated once these quotes are ready they should be reviewed at the same time as other park projects for the next fiscal year.

2. **New Goals added by City Council for this fiscal year.**

David highlighted the three new goals for the department:

1. Work with the Parks & Recreation and Beaver Meadow Golf Course Advisory Committees to create a 10-year master plan for Beaver Meadow Golf Course.
2. 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.
3. Work with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to review the costs related to lifeguard certification and the staffing of City pools.

David then gave an overview of the golf course operation.

- Course come over to parks and rec during the re-organization in 2011
- Course is an enterprise fund. The goal of all enterprise funds is to be able to cover 100% of all operation costs. Operation has around a one million dollar budget.
- Since 2011 the course has had several mini re-organizations that have resulted in the course making a slight profit 2 out of the past 4 years. David indicated the operation will make a slight profit for the last fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016. However, final numbers will not be available until October 2016.
- David highlight the current recreation uses of the facility:
  - Winter ice skating pond added, maintained by parks and rec staff
  - Winter cross country skiing (need 8 or more inches of snow before grooming begins)
  - Snow shoe trail
  - Club House is ward voting location, available for private parties and events. Restaurant is also open 7 days a week year round.
  - Year round indoor golf simulator (added Jan 2016)
- David indicated he will be scheduling a joint meeting with the Golf Course Advisory Committee to begin the conversation for a master plan for the facility (most likely Oct, 2016).
- David also asked any member who has not been on the course, to let him know as he will provide tours as needed.

Mary Miller asked that we receive data on the Arena operation for next meeting and maybe we can hold a joint meeting with the Arena Advisory Committee over the winter. David indicated he will provide a copy of what is listed from the budget book for the arena at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill