

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2017 Meeting**

**Committee Members:** Mary Miller, Lauren Flieder, Amelia Brock, City Counselor Candace Bouchard, Marilyn Fraser, Nick Kotkowski, Chiara Dolcino, City Counselor Gail Matson & Althea Barton

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant, Recreation Supervisor, Chris Jacques, Parks Supervisor and Heather Shank, City Planner

**Guest:** Craig Greenman, New London

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mary Miller

Candace made a motion to accept minutes from the May 2017 meeting, seconded it, approved.

**New Business:**

Craig Greenman spoke about his incident regarding falling on the ice at White Park after tripping on a hockey puck. Craig would like RPAC to either remove the sign or enforce the rule of no hockey on the pond. David Gill reviewed the history of the sign and will check with legal about the implications of moving the sign. However, the committee expressed concern about enforcement with no staff on site. RPAC will make a recommendation to council for additional police patrols during skate season. RPAC agreed to review what other communities are doing, and also look into setting up a schedule related to pick up/open skate. David will report back at the September meeting with the goal of having recommendations going to council before the skate season.

David Gill shared with the group that the Code department will handle the rentals of the city squares beginning later this year. This will help groups who in the past had to receive two permits for the use of the square

Laura Bryant gave an update regarding summer programs and events. Currently there have been 400 kids in camps and another 350 in swim lessons. Parks & Recreation had a successful Old School Rec night earlier in the month and hopes to host similar events in the future. Movie in the Park is on July 26<sup>th</sup> and Parks & Rec will also have a booth at National Night Out on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Lastly she shared that 4 city pools (Rollins, Merrill, Rolfe and White) will remain open until Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Jacques presented information about the Adopt a Tree program. Working with Beth in planning they have put together a plan to put 100 trees back in the park. The Adopt a Tree program will hopefully supplement what is currently budgeted to the project. Chiara motioned to approve the program and Lauren seconded. Accepted.

**Old Business:**

David gave updates about all old business:

New Community Center- Milestone is onsite and work is underway

Skate House- waiting on work from Black Ice to move forward

Terrill Park – design has been accepted by RPAC and recommended to City Council. Motioned by Mary to accept, seconded by Chiara, and accepted.

Keach Park Basketball and Tennis Courts – courts will be closed shortly to allow new basketball backboards to be installed. New courts will then be repainted and lined. Tennis courts will have two pickleball courts painted.

Memorial Field- RFP is out for the renovations of the five tennis courts. We hope to have contractor selected in August with work starting this fall.

Update joint Arena/RPAC- David passed out Arena Committee minutes to review. David would like to schedule a joint meeting in the fall. RPAC members took the minutes to review and discuss at the September meeting.

Candace motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm Mary seconded.

Respectfully submitted by  
Recreation Supervisor, Laura Bryant