

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2018 Meeting**

Committee Members: Amelia Brock, Councilor Gail Matson, Mary Miller, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, and Marilyn Frazer

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Mary Miller

Councilor Bouchard made a motion to accept minutes from the January 2018 meeting, was seconded, and approved.

New Business:

VHB representative Chris Novak made a presentation about different types of turf that could be used for the Terrill Park project. The discussion covered player safety, how the turf is secured, what the fill is made of, maintenance and planning for replacement in the future. There was also a brief discussion about lights. The conversation wrapped up with the notion that we would be going middle of the road to provide good quality along with longevity of the product.

Mark Eaton of Concord Crush was there to share his support on behalf of the Crush organization for the Terrill Park project. Councilor Bouchard posed the question that if the new building on 106 was open would there still be a need to the Terrill Park project, Eaton was adamant that it would be.

David Gill spoke to the idea the plan field at Terrill Park would provide access for community leagues and schools. Much time private facilities run their own leagues/programs and have limited time for private rentals. Mary Miller asked who David Gill envisioned as users, David's reply was community leagues and also providing access to other area schools – especially February – late April when the cities regular grass fields are closed.

Heather Shank brought up the discussion about what would happen if the Terrill Park area experiences another flood similar to the one in the 1960's, the VHB representatives said FEMA has updated their flood areas and it shouldn't be a concern.

Amelia Brock asked about lining the field, David Gill responded that it would be painted with at least 3 sports.

The Terrill Park discussion ended with David Gill explaining that he would be going to the Planning Board in March for approval and also making a presentation to City Council. It will then be up to Council as to whether or not fund the project in FY2019.

David Gill gave an update on the Rollins Park tree replacement project. 57 trees are scheduled to be planted this spring. The project is currently under budget and RPAC was asked to approve the remaining funds to be used for the shade structure, educational garden and more trees.

Councilor Bouchard made a motion to approve using the money for said projects with the caveat that the educational garden will only move forward if there are volunteers to maintain it, was seconded, and approved.

Councilor Bouchard brought up the issue of dog owner's not obeying the leash law in many city parks. There was an extensive discussion that concluded with the idea that a letter be sent out from the Clerk's office to all licensed dog owners outlining the leash law.

Laura Bryant gave a brief update on programming. We are currently in the last couple weeks of winter programming, the spring brochure is available and the next session of programs will begin in early March. Laura has been working with all former Community Ed instructors to move their programs to the new City Wide Community Center.

David Gill said he would arrange for a tour of the City Wide Community Center in the next week to 10 days.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Recreation Supervisor, Laura Bryant