

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes from May16, 2019 Meeting**

**Committee Members:** City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, Marilyn Fraser, Chiara Dolcino, Stacey Brown, Nick Kotkowski, Chair Mary Miller.

**Staff Members:** Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill and Assistant Parks & Rec Director, Laura Bryant

Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Chair Mary Miller

Candace made a motion to accept minutes from April 2019 meeting, second by Chiara, approved.

**New Business:**

**Parks and Rec Budget:**

David reviewed the FY20 budget as presented by the City Manager; all is well in Parks and Recreation. Reviewed the approved PCR's and he let RPAC know that the new computer at Green Street Community Center was not approved, which may be a surprise to the Pickleball players.

The following CIP projects were recommended; improvements to the White Park parking lot, Rollins Park wall and bridge, basketball courts at Merrill Park and several pocket parks.

Terrill Park was not recommended in this budget and was moved to FY21.

Mary asked about the update on White Park playground. David said we are hoping to announce the vendor early this summer. Once selected the public process of meetings will begin.

The budget hearing will be May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Althea commented on how all the small things add up and that she is very proud to be a part of RPAC. Marilyn added that the group is so diverse and all the different interest makes the group work well together. Everyone agreed they feel the committee works very well representing the community and each other.

**Terrill Park Update:**

David has been tasked with bringing more detail back to council. He was given permission to apply for a LWCF grant in which they will need to support the change of scope. Once this is complete the request for funding will happen. Greg from VHB was tasked with writing the grant. Stacey asked that David follow up with the Merrimack Greenway Trail folks.

**Summer Update:**

Laura reported that staffing looked good for the summer, as well as many summer camps were already full.

**Skate House Update:**

David let everyone know that the grand opening of the Skate House will be Friday June 14, 2019. Time is still to be determined.

Althea proposed we work to make our playing fields organic, first by pick a place to try it. David mentioned that those discussions have been had in the department. Althea also suggested contacting Stoneyfield Farms as they have consultants we could possibly work with.

David made everyone aware of Chris Jacques retirement and let RPAC know that his salary will be repurposed for adding additional staff to the department and the Superintendent position will be eliminated.

Stacey let everyone know about the Bike Rodeo happening on June first at the Steeplegate Mall. Also discussed the idea of shutting down a street somewhere in Concord to host a Cyclivia.

David mentioned the Food Truck Festival happening at the Airport on September 22, 2019.

Chiara made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Nick, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant