

City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Notes from January 16, 2020 Meeting

Committee Members: Chiara Dolcino, Stacey Brown, Jennifer Roth, Chair Mary Miller, Nick Kotkowski, Althea Barton

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

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

Stacey made a motion to accept minutes from August 2019 meeting, second by Jennifer, approved.

New Business:

Letter Regarding Dog Park

David started the meeting by reviewing the letter that had been sent in regarding the dog park being closed for the winter. The letter writer was asking that accommodations be made at another park while the dog park is closed. RPAC had a discussion about having designated times at the parks when dogs could be off leash, some members suggested creating smaller “pocket” dog parks. Overall the group decided that parks and recreation staff would check with the legal department as well as do some research into what larger cities are doing to accommodate this need

Updating No Smoking Ordinance to include Community Centers

The proposal for the No Smoking Ordinance to include Community Centers is going to Council in March. The request asks for a 50ft buffer around all community centers. This ordinance will also include parking garages and the library.

Update on Monkey Around Playground

David shared the first draft of the new design. The current design is considered all inclusive with 70% of the playground being completely accessible. Leathers will be returning on February 20, 2020 for a community meeting to present a 3D version of the design . Friends of White Park have agreed to pay \$10,000 for the design and will be responsible for raising 50% of the funding. Current City has received \$5,000 from the Friends.

Fees and Charges Review

David and Laura are recommending a couple changes. The fitness room rental fee will be lowered as well as the addition of non-profit rates. All new changes will take effect July 1, 2020.

Chiara made a motion to accept fee changes, second by Althea, approved.

Capital Budget Review

David outlines upcoming projects and shared his recommendations. RPAC had a brief discussion about upcoming projects including what to do with the train depot in Penacook.

Mary made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45pm, seconded by Chiara, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant