

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2017 Meeting**

Committee Members: Lauren Flieder, Mary Miller, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, Marilyn Frazer, Chiara Dolcino & Althea Barton

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director and Laura Bryant, Recreation Supervisor

Guest: Dick Lemieux & Greg Bakos, MRGT

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

Chiara made a motion to accept minutes from the October 2017 meeting, was seconded, and approved.

New Business:

Dick and Greg gave a very informational presentation on the History of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. Starting with the Granite State Rail Trail and explained in detail how all the pieces will connect. They asked for phase 1 of the Terrill Park project to include paving of the Greenway Trail which the committee did not have a problem with. There was a brief discussion about maintenance. RPAC supports the trail and its connection in Terrill Park. Members are also excited to hear phase 1 of the trail is scheduled to be constructed summer and fall 2018.

David Gill recommended the the NO HOCKEY sign at White Park Pond will be removed until we can provide staff onsite to enforce the rule. When the new Skate House is built staff will be able to enforce the no hockey rule when the building is open. Committee agreed with recommendation.

David Gill shared with the group the discussion about hunting on conservation land and concerns raised. RPAC members agreed signage is very important at trail heads and suggested posting the hunting season dates as well. Chiara motioned to support information being posted at the trail heads and if possible online, seconded, and accepted. David will speak with Heather Shank in Planning as conservation areas come under her division.

David Gill gave an update on Healy Park, due to infestation they were unable to do the mill demonstration at that location but plan to do it at Terrill Park instead.

David Gill gave an update on the Monkey Around Playground project. He will have staff work with Friends of White Park to help them develop a clear picture of how they would like to proceed. He indicates the city will schedule community meetings in the spring and summer.

Chiara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm Lauren seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Recreation Supervisor, Laura Bryant