

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from Oct 18, 2018 Meeting**

Committee Members: Amelia Brock, Nick Kotkowski, Althea Barton, Mary Miller, Sarah Ward, Chiara Dolcino, Lauren Flieder, Marilyn Frazer, City Councilor Gail Matson, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard.

Guests: Jonathan and Mose, Friends of White Park and Steve Michlovitz, Pickleball Player

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Mary Miller and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mary motioned to accept minutes from September meeting, second by Chiara Dolcino, approved.

New Business:

Monkey Around Playground

David Gill introduced Jonathan and Mose and then gave some background on the Monkey Around Playground Project.

Jonathan spoke about where they are in the process and their desire to move forward obtaining an RFQ with Friend of White Park contributing \$10,000.00.

A discussion followed about what the expense for the RFQ would be, how the Playground Project may or may not affect the Skate House Project, what the ADA requirements are and how to ensure the project encompasses all aspects that the public is looking for.

Mose clarified that at this point they are simply looking for support to get an agency on board through the RFQ process to gather all the pertinent information to move forward with design. They hope to partner with the City of Concord to accomplish this. Mose also indicated they are looking to begin construction in 2020.

City Councilor Candace White Bouchard motioned to accept partnering with the Friends of White Park to proceed with the RFQ process, seconded and passed.

Pickleball

Mary Miller welcomed Steve Michlovitz and thanked him for his letter regarding cost of Adult Drop In Picklball.

David Gill gave a quick overview of the Pickleball program and how it has developed over the last 4 years.

Steve Michlovitz presented his position and stated his concern and desire for the cost of Pickleball to be lowered.

The group then had a discussion about the cost and how it affects other program run by Parks & Recreation. For the past three years the dept. has charge \$3 pp for adult drop in Pickleball and Basketball. Indoor Pickleball is only offered during winter months as players can play for free at the 6 outdoor courts at Beaver Meadow Park. The adult drop in basketball program is year round. This year the resident adult rate remains at \$3 pp however we added a non-resident fee of \$4 pp. Committee members asked staff to explore the follow options: flat monthly fees, punch cards, season passes or keep the same.

City Councilor Gail Matson made a motion for staff to explore the different options and to present a recommendation at a later meeting, seconded and approved.

David Gill quickly reviewed the new fall/winter brochures and the City Wide Community Center hours for the winter.

Laura Bryant gave a recap on how the new adult programs had gone this fall and talked about some of the new programs coming up. Over 60% of the new adult classes went during the fall set of classes.

Sarah Ward asked about discounted rental rates for non-profits, David Gill suggested it be on a future agenda.

Heather Shank shared information about the new Tree Committee being formed by Beth Fenstermacher and asked anyone interest to please contact the Planning Department by October 31st. Lauren offered the be on the committee if needed.

Mary moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant