

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2019 Meeting**

Committee Members: Nick Kotkowski, Althea Barton, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, Mary Miller, Stacey Brown

Guest: Geoa Geer – possible future RPAC Member. Joe Russell, Brendan McGahan, Ari Pollack of Concord Little League and Jordon from Seacoast United. Steve Michlovitz Pickleball enthusiast.

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

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

Marilyn made a motion to accept minutes from January 2019 meeting, second by Stacey Brown, approved.

New Business:

David Gill introduced the Concord Little League Members (Joe Russell, Brendan McGahan, Ari and Jordon from Seacoast United).

Ari Pollack of Concord Little League gave some history and then an update on their position with Memorial Field. Concord Little League would like to partner with Seacoast United to properly restore the field to playing conditions and in order to offset the cost allow Seacoast United to also use the field and in turn they will contribute to the rehabilitation of the field.

RPAC members asked questions demographics of league participants, how field use would be divided, and also reminded CLL that the space cannot be subleased. CLL asked for RPAC's support in further vetting the partnership and what the actual expenses will be to get the field up to snuff.

City Councilor Candace White Bouchard motioned to accept recommendation with an understanding if Legal or Administration has concerns she would like to review again, seconded by Nick Kotkowski, approved.

David Gill then introduced Steve Michlovitz of the Pickleball community. Steve proposed a senior sports pass that would allow all resident seniors 65 and over would receive 40 free Pickleball sessions from November – April; Non-residents would have to pay 50.00 per year for their 40 passes. Similar to the current Senior Passport Program.

RPAC thanked Steve for his time and asked for more time to think the proposal over and discuss all the options.

David Gill then discussed the subcommittee meeting for the Everett Arena project. It was decided to have the Arena Advisory Committee to come to the March 21st meeting.

David Gill then gave an update on the Terrill Park project citing a recent article in the Concord Insider. Phase I is currently in the FY 20 budget. The committee thought the article was well done.

<https://www.theconcordinsider.com/2019/02/19/new-master-plan-for-terril-park-calls-for-artificial-turf-field/>

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant