

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Notes from August 20, 2020 ZOOM Meeting**

Committee Members: Jennifer Roth, Chair Mary Miller, Nick Kotkowski, Althea Barton, Chiara Dolcino and, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard

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 5:38pm by Chair Mary Miller

Nick made a motion to accept minutes from May 2020 meeting, second by Althea, approved.

New Business:

New Benches at White Park

David brought a request for new benches at White Park. There is currently a moratorium on benches at White Park. Wanted to make sure that RPAC was still in agreement with continuing the moratorium, Mary agreed. Parks & Recreation does offer alternative options such as a paver or a memorial stone. The moratorium will stand.

Sign Request

CBA (Capital Baseball Association?) would like to put up a sign at Doane Diamond commemorating when the Little League World Series was in Concord. Althea made a motion to allow the sign, second by Mary, approved.

Terrill Park Update

Phase I is almost complete just waiting on lights and the dog water fountain. The park should be reopened in early September. Next round of grants will be in October. Parks & Recreation will be going to council in September to ask permission to apply for the grants.

Summer Overview

Laura reviewed the summer operations which included 6 weeks of Nature Camp and 9 weeks of Stay & Play and Adventure Camps. While numbers were low as to be expected operations ran very smoothly. Kids and staff had a great time and we received lots of positive feedback from parents. Heather Shank shared that her son attended the camp and enjoyed it very much.

Parks Update

Parks operations are getting back to normal. Have hosted several events in the parks, including a 3 day softball tournament, despite be doing 1 FT position. CHS/MV is planning to have fall sports, still waiting on final schedules. Staff is working to transition fields to fall sports. Doane Diamond will be available for rent this fall as several baseball leagues have extended their seasons due to the late start (mid July).

Cemeteries Update

The cemetery division is also down 1 FT employee. It has been a very busy summer with 10-12 burials per week.

Additional comments

Althea shared with us about a young man in Penacook who has taken interest to clean up the park in Penacook.

Jennifer asked about the trash at the skate park. David shared he has been in touch with a group of skate boarders who have agreed to help with upkeep and trash.

Nick made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:14pm, seconded by Mary, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant