

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2020 ZOOM Meeting**

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

Guests: Joe Ayotte and Sam Evans-Brown

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chair Mary Miller

Marilyn made a motion to accept minutes from September 2020 meeting, second by Mary, approved.

New Business:

Cross Country Skiing at BMGC

Joe Ayotte gave a presentation about the desire to purchase a snow machine to maintain trails at BMGC. Joe and Sam propose to use the \$50,000.00 in the FY20 CIP along with community funds to purchase the machine. RPAC had a discussion about ensuring the community has priority for using the trails at BMGC especially if the City of Concord NH assists in the purchase of the machine. RPAC was asked to pledge their support. Althea motioned to support using city funds to support the purchase of a snow machine for use at BMCG cross country trails, second by Nick, approved.

Boy Scout Troop Request

Joe Linquate of Troop 88 based out of St. Pauls church, is seeking a new place for his pack to meet. He is asking for use of West Street Ward House in exchange for clearing trails around the City of Concord NH. RPAC discussed what this would mean for other groups around the city. Mary feels that allowing this for one group would open a can of worms in regards to other organizations seeking free space. Heather offered the opportunity to work with the Conservation Committee to find a project that Joe and his pack could work on that would have monetary value. RPAC requested that staff provide the cost of Covid cleaning and decided to table until another meeting for further discussion.

Community Centers and Audi Reopening

David gave an update on the status of all community center use at this time. CWCC has been open since June, WSW opened in September, GSCC will open in November for rentals and programming and the Audi is scheduled to reopen in early December.

Terrill Park - Phase I update

The parking lot lights are in at Terrill Park, the dog fountain is schedule to be installed before the end of the month..

Greenway Trail Phase II

City Council approved \$90,260.00 to design and permit Phase II. Council also approved the submission for LWCF grant with help from the MGWT group. David is hopeful it will be built in the next 2 years.

Winter Brochure

Laura let RPAC know the winter brochure is out now and that advertises programs November – February. She also updated them on the use of QR codes to give participants easy access to view the brochure.

White Park Maintenance Building Tour Update

David will be sending out dates soon, he is working out some staff scheduling.

Additional comments

Althea mentioned that the Stables by the High School has been given back to the City of Concord NH to be turned into a museum

Marilyn made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:50pm, seconded by Mary, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant