

City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2015 Meeting

Committee Members: Althea Barton, Counselor Gail Matson, Mary Miller (chair), City Counselor Bouchard, Lauren Fielder, Chiara Dolcino, Glen Mathews and Marilyn Fraser,

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director and Jill McDaniel, Cemetery Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Mary Miller.

New Business:

1. **Chapel at Blossom Hill and cemetery operations.** Jill gave a tour of the Blossom Hill Chapel and talked about the Cemetery operation of the Parks and Recreation Department. The group was very impressed with the Chapel and operation. They all indicated there were very surprised about the staff required to working the 2nd shift during winter operations for GSD, they were surprised how diverse the operation was. Please review handout of the operation.
2. **Community Center Update:** Davis indicated that City Council decided not to move forward with any recommend plan. Mary stated she is upset and why have we wasted everyone time over the past 10 years planning and talking about a new community center. Marilyn also mentioned that she has been a most of the public meetings over those years and no one has been upset about the project, she also mentioned that most of these meetings attracted a large diverse crowd of between 8- and 100 people. The group asked what the next steps are. David indicates staff hopes to have move clarification from council over the next several months.
3. **Swim Lessons;** Davis passed round a press release announcing our FREE swim lesson Program for Concord/Penacook residents. The group was very impressed and happy with the sponsorship! See attached.
4. **Field Update:** David reports that all field are open with the exception of Baseball and softball a fields at Memorial Field. He indicated this should be open by the end of the month. Mary asked with the long winter did they affect opening of the fields. David said we always tell leagues not to plan or schedule games before April 15 and this year was just a couple of days past this date.
5. **Staffing Update:** Davis reported they are still looking for between 12 and 14 lifeguards for the summer, which is much better than last year. He expects all staff will be hire on time.
6. **Main Summer Brochure:** The main Summer/Fall Brochure will be out by the second week in May. Program listed to start in June through September are included in the brochure.

Ongoing Business

1. **Skate House:** David indicated he was hoping to have the update new skate house plans shortly
2. **Green Street Floor Update:** David indicated the work of the floor replacement will begin by the end of the month and should be finished by May 23.
3. **Skate Park Planning Meeting:** Davis indicates they are waiting to hear back from a company to give us some examples of projects/improvements in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 range.

Respectfully submitted by David Gill