

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2023 5:30pm**

**Committee Members:** Chair Mary Miller, City Councilor Candace Bouchard, Zoey Murphy, Chiara Dolcino, Jennifer Roff, and Althea Barton.

**Staff Members:** David Gill, Parks & Recreation Director and Laura Bryant, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

**Guests:** Cathy Furlong potential Ward 2 RPAC member

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

Minutes approved as written from the March 2023 meeting (no meeting in April 2023).

**New Business:**

**Table Tennis/Ping Pong:** David started the meeting with the Ping Pong group, Laura gave some background about the program and the Senior Passport, she then introduced Lee, Derek and Rita to speak about how they would like to see the program evolve. Lee and Derek shared a PowerPoint with the groups and expressed their desire to donate 2 additional Ping Pong tables to Concord Parks & Recreation. Rita asked that an additional daytime slot be added for those who want to play earlier. Candace asked if 1 day and 1 evening would provide them with what they are looking for? They responded with the addition of at least one more table that schedule would work. After more discussion RPAC agreed that Ping Pong is a wonderful activity and they support growing the program. Staff will work with Lee, Derek and Rita to work out the details of accepting the table donation and adding an additional day to play.

**Bike Park Group:** David introduced the bike park group. Andy has been working with Matt (from NEMBA) to find a suitable location in Concord for a bike park/pump track. Their mission is to engage kids and families in biking and making biking accessible to everyone. Together they presented information about pump tracks and the value they bring to a community. David spoke about finding a suitable area in Concord, bike parks typically use 1/2 acre of land and building costs could be between 100-200K. There are many grants the group could access in order to help cover the building and maintenance costs. Mary asked about creating a subcommittee to work with the group to continue to explore the option of bringing a bike park to Concord. However, the committee agreed there was no need to form a subcommittee at this time. Staff indicated they will work with the group and report back with additional details.

**Community Center Use:** David spoke briefly about information he is compiling to detail the current use of the city-wide community center and rental process. Mary suggested that RPAC create a subcommittee to meet the following week to review said information. The committee agreed and their first meeting will be on 5/16/23 at 5:30 pm. Mary, Althea and Candace indicated they will be on sub committee but wanted to make sure all RPAC members are invited. David indicated he will send an email to all members.

**Summer/Fall Brochure:** Laura let RPAC know the summer/fall brochure is available online and had been delivered to the local elementary schools. This brochure contains swim lesson information as well as the upcoming fall programs.

**Summer Employment Update:** Laura updated the group to let them know we are continuing to recruit for Lifeguards and Laborers for the cemetery. All camp counselor and Splash Pad positions have been filled. We need about 5-8 more lifeguards to be able to open all 6 pools. We are also waiting on staff to complete the certification process.

Mary made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:43pm, seconded by Jennifer, passed.

Submitted by Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Laura S. Bryant