

**Dover Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting of April 22, 2013
Minutes**

P&R Commissioners In Attendance: Chris Boland, Peter Davies, Rich Oasis, Scott Seidman, Nancy Simms

P&R Employees In Attendance: David MacTavish, Mark Ghiloni

Others In Attendance: Jim Dawley (BOS)

The meeting was called to order at 8:05am.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from April 5, 2013. Nancy will email these to the town clerk's office.

Winter Evaluations

Dave and Mark and Amy are in the process of reviewing the program evaluations. At the end of each program, parents of program participants are sent an email asking them to fill out a survey. P&R uses Survey Monkey. The data gathered are used to evaluate each program on several different levels – cost/benefit analysis, improvement opportunities, positive and/or negative feedback for instructors, participation rates.

Upcoming Meetings

- P&R – Friday, May 3 at 7:45am.
- Conservation Commission – Currently we are scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th. There is no reason to go before ConCom until the wetlands survey is complete and their consultant has reviewed it. Mark will contact Lori and request to continue the hearing until May 22.
- Planning Board – We are on the agenda for Monday, June 3.

Mission Statement

Second draft circulated. Approved as modified. Final copy reads as follows:

The Dover Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing residents of all ages positive recreational experiences through a variety of high quality programs, activities, and services under the direction of professional and dedicated staff who are responsive to the changing needs of the community. We are committed to preserving and protecting the natural resources and parkland while improving and enhancing all opportunities for future generations.

Mark will submit this copy to Town Counsel for review and comments.

RECREATION

Fishing Derby

The annual Eliot Hodgkins Memorial Fishing Derby was held on Sunday, April 14, 2013. There were fewer participants than normal, probably because the weather was unseasonably cold and unpleasant. There were a total of 49 children who participated. Each child paid a \$10 registration fee and provided his/her own bait. The atmosphere was still festive with tailgaters cooking hotdogs and hamburgers on portable grills. The cost to stock the pond was \$1,000.

Youth Football Program

Nothing new to report.

PARKS

CPARC

Scott Goddard and Cheney Engineering should be able to start the wetlands survey this week. Nothing new to report until their work is completed.

Rich reported that he was interviewed by a Boston Globe reporter a few weeks back. The story ran in last week's Sunday paper.

Town Meeting

It appears that Article 12 will not be pulled from the warrant despite the legality concerns of Town Counsel.

Letters to Sports Clubs and Field Usage

Chris and Nancy added comments to Rich's letter. It was further revised by the commission. It was agreed that each commissioner would be responsible for reaching out to specific sports groups. The assignments were as follows:

- Nancy – Field Hockey and Girls Lacrosse
- Rich – Coach Pete's PreK Sports and Softball
- Scott – Soccer
- Peter – Baseball
- Chris – Boys Lacrosse and Football

Scott and Chris suggested having a presence at Saturday and Sunday sporting events in town once the fields are open and handing out fliers to all the parents. It seems that many parents are not aware of the issues and do not realize there is opposition to the project.

Dave and Rich received an email from wickedlocal.com asking for a statement for story they are writing on the fields project. Rich will write a statement and will circulate it to the sports groups so they have the opportunity to sign on in support.

Rich will provide a summary of the issues to the Dover-Sherborn Press, the Hometown Weekly, and the Dover-Sherborn Patch.

Chris said he would create a flier and hand it out to the K-2 soccer crowd on Sunday.

Dave and Mark will find out what number the P&R question is on the ballot so we can reference it in our communications with the sports groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Simms, P&R Commissioner