

**Dover Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting of May 17, 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: Eric Loeffler

The meeting was called to order at 7:50am.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from May 3, 2013, 3-0. (Scott and Chris arrived after the vote.) Nancy will email these to the town clerk's office.

Employee Reviews

Dave has prepared reviews for all five department employees and has met with each person. Rich is in the process of collecting input from the other commissioners and will prepare Dave's.

Truck

Dave received a trade in quote of \$750 for the grey pick-up truck being retired this year. Dave spoke with Dave Ramsay about keeping the truck for Karl Warnick to use or to have on hand for parts. Dave Ramsay did not want to add the truck to the town's fleet of vehicles. One option the commission considered was to list the truck on Craig's list or to attempt to sell it in some other fashion in order to realize a greater return. All present agreed that the added burden of managing the sales process was likely not worth whatever increased amount (if any) might be realized by going this route. Vote 5-0 to accept trade in.

Town Report

Dave met with Dave Ramsay to discuss P&R's annual report. A citizen at town meeting pointed out that state law requires P&R to include financial information in each annual report. Because there was no financial information in the report, it was explicitly excluded from the vote to accept the annual report. Dave Ramsay stated that there was no need to redo year's report but that in future years, P&R would need to include financials.

Upcoming Meetings

- P&R – Friday, May 31 at 7:45am.
- Planning Board – Monday, June 3 at 7:30pm
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, June 12 at 7:30pm

Board Member Changes

The commissioners and Dave and Mark wished Rich well for the future and thanked him for all that he had contributed during his five years as a commissioner and especially for his leadership during this busy last year.

RECREATION

Nothing to discuss.

PARKS

CPARC

Scott Goddard has finished his wetlands survey. ConCom's wetlands consultant has walked the property with Scott and has certified the results. Ardi from Cheney Engineering is in the process of dropping the flag coordinates onto the topo and anticipates that he will be finished this weekend. Ardi will send the topo to GALE so that they can incorporate the findings onto their site layout plan. Rich reported that there were no additional wetlands areas identified by Scott or ConCom's consultant. Chris will meet with Scott Goddard next week.

It was agreed that the timing of the wetlands work would be such that meeting with ConCom on May 22 was not going to be feasible. Mark will contact ConCom to request that our hearing be continued to June 12.

It was agreed that the June 3 Planning Board meeting would be feasible. If Monday's vote is favorable, we will need to contact Vanasse about updating the traffic study. If Monday's vote is not favorable, we will need to reconsider whether it is necessary or appropriate to meet with the Planning Board.

Upcoming Ballot Vote

Soccer has been very proactive in championing the project. Boys lacrosse has sent around emails as has girls lacrosse and field hockey. Football (DSYF) has decided to not get involved as has baseball and softball (DSYBS). Football believes all their field needs will be met through the renovations being done at the high school and therefore do not need to advocate for more P&R fields. Baseball and softball have been advised by their attorneys to not take a position on the project.

Individual baseball coaches have talked to their teams. Rich will talk to one of the softball coaches he knows.

Boys lacrosse coaches will speak with their players' parents at each of this weekend's games. There are 125 Dover families involved in DSYL.

Lacrosse Chris reported that his son's coach pointed out that lacrosse is becoming a turf sport and that the days of lacrosse being played on grass fields are numbered. Same is true for field hockey, but even more so. Overuse of our grass fields is arguably less of an issue than not having an artificial turf field for youth lacrosse. Artificial turf will become a game requirement and when that happens, DSYL and DSYGL will not be allowed to host "home" games on their grass fields.

We were reminded that our pledge to the sports groups was that we would shepherd the project through the town permitting process. Once that is accomplished, the sports clubs will take over in leading the charge to completion.

Memorial Day Tournament

Rich reported that everything is all set for the Needham Memorial Day Tournament. The younger teams will be playing on our fields. There will be four 8v8 fields set up at Chickering and two 6v6 fields set up at Caryl. Tournament directors have connected with Dover police. Needham will bring in additional porta potties for the weekend as well as trash barrels. Parking for Chickering will be at the elementary school off of Cross Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Simms, P&R Commissioner