

**Dover Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting of April 5, 2013
Minutes**

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

P&R Employees In Attendance: 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 March 26, 2013. Nancy will email these to the town clerk's office.

Upcoming Meetings

- P&R – Monday, April 22 at 7:45am.
- ConCom – We are currently on the Conservation Commission agenda for Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30pm. Scott Goddard will attend to present his findings on his certified wetlands survey results.
- Planning Board – We are currently on the Planning Board agenda for Monday, April 29 at 7:30pm. It was noted that out of respect for the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, we should delay our appearance before the Planning Board until the Conservation Commission has had time to complete its due diligence on the P&R Notice of Intent. The town calendar lists a Planning Board meeting on Monday May 6, 2013 which is the day of Town Meeting and another on Monday June 3, 2013. It was agreed that P&R would wait for ConCom to complete its process prior to rescheduling a meeting with the Planning Board. Mark will notify Sue Hall that P&R wants to be sure that ConCom is finished with its process before scheduling the next appearance before the Planning Board but that tentatively June 3 might be a realistic option.

Mission Statement

Mark distributed examples of mission statements that he had first pulled together for the March 15 meeting. After a brief discussion, the original draft was amended to read:

The Dover Park and Recreation Department is committed to providing residents of all ages positive 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.

It was agreed to revisit this second draft at our next meeting. Once a final version is approved by the P&R Commission, it will be submitted to Town Counsel for review and comments.

RECREATION

Youth Football Program

There is still no agreement on the dispensation of the youth football equipment that P&R purchased last year and that the Dover Sherborn Youth Football club wants to use in upcoming years. P&R paid \$11,000 for this equipment. P&R offered to give the equipment to DSYF in exchange for \$1,500 for each of the next four years; DSYF rejected the offer. Dan Bennett, one of the founders of DSYF, came into the P&R offices and examined the equipment. Dan told Mark that DSYF would get back to P&R with a counter offer. Mark did not know what the timing might be. Jim Dawley stated that registration for next fall is currently underway and that DSYF has already committed to playing in a new league for next year.

PARKS

Letters to Sports Clubs and Field Usage

Rich provided draft copies of letters that he would like to send to the presidents of all the youth sports clubs: DSSoccer, DSYF, DSYL, DSGL, DSYBS and Field Hockey as well as to the participants in Coach Pete's programs and the members of the Dover Mothers' Association.

Scott suggested that he amend his letter to include population growth statistics. As an example, he cited that in the last twenty-two years, Dover's population has grown 23.7% from 4,915 in 1990 to 6,081 in 2012 and that P&R has added no new recreation facilities during this period. P&R is behind in keeping up with the town's population growth.

Chris suggested that he amend his letter to include the explosion of popularity of the youth sports programs in town. He suggested that Rich work with Mark to gather participation data to illustrate this growth. Again, P&R is behind in keeping up with the increase in the town's demand for youth sports.

Nancy suggested that he amend his letter to include bullet point highlights of what is included in the proposed Caryl Park field project as there are many false statistics circulating around town and as some of the current youth sports participants were not in town over the last five years and therefore have not attended any of the public information meetings P&R has hosted on the project during that time.

Traffic Study

Rich reported that Town Counsel has reviewed the P&R contracts with Goddard Consulting and with Cheney Engineering. Scott Goddard will begin his survey work in Caryl Park next week and will coordinate with Paul McManus (the ConCom wetlands consultant) and with Cheney Engineering. He reported to Rich that all of the work should be completed in time to present to ConCom on April 24, 2013.

The P&R Commission agreed to delay having Jeff Dirk from Vanasse Associates, Inc. revise his traffic study. As noted above, we will wait to initiate the start of this work until after Goddard et al have completed their work and presented their findings to us and to ConCom and ConCom has finished its due diligence on the wetlands issues. Mark will contact Sue Hall to ask that P&R be removed from the Planning Board agenda for Wednesday, April 29, 2013.

CPARC – Non-binding Ballot Question

Discussion ensued about the recurring public sentiment of using the Medfield State Hospital fields as the location for additional P&R playing fields rather than Caryl Park. Nancy noted that the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee has recorded in their minutes of January 11, 2011 their rejection of the P&R four-page proposal to build its fields on the MSH land. It was agreed that this option is off the table and that P&R need not pursue it further.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Simms, P&R Commissioner