

## City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2016 Meeting

**Committee Members:** Althea Barton, Counselor Gail Matson, City Counselor Candace Bouchard, Lauren Fielder, Chiara Dolcino,

**Staff Member:** David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

**Guest:** Mayor Jim Bouley

Approved April meeting minutes at 5:30 pm. Motion made by Candace Bouchard, seconded by Lauren Fielder, approved as written.

Agenda/Updates:

- **New Community Center Update.** David indicated City Council recently approved funding for option 1 of the community center. He thanked everyone for all their hard work over the past decade. He indicated if all goes well the project should be under construction early 2017. Mayor Bouley also thanked the committee for their work and is looking forward to seeing the new facilities serve our residents. Lauren was very excited and happy to hear city council funded the project, the group agreed with her comments.
- **Review Tree Report:** David highlighted the Tree report that was recently discussed at City Council. Main focus for RPAC will be the loss of up to 20% of the trees in the parks. Main area currently inflected is the red pines at Rollin's Park. Later this fall David indicated he will work with the community around Rollins Park to first help educate residents and then develop an action plan for the area.
- **Skate Park Update:** Another meeting will be held later this month. Chris Jacques the Parks Superintendent is taking the lead of working with the park users.
- **GRCC Gym** – David reported the floor has been replaced from the sprinkler damage and is scheduled to open in mid-May.
- **Update on hiring seasonal employee.** David reported the hiring of the 100+ seasonal employees for the department operations are well under way.
- Main Summer/Fall brochure due back from printers 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.

### Ongoing Unfinished Business

1. **Rolfe Pool Renovations:** Project should be done for the beginning of the 2016 Pool season.
2. **Skate House:** no update. Waiting for final plan to be presented by H.L. Tuner Group

Respectfully submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill