

MINUTES
Town of Durham, Parks & Recreation Committee
March 25, 2010

Present: Sara Wilson (chair), Amy Cunningham (secretary), Jenna Roberts, Jean Olson, Gregg Moore, Mike Mengers (P&R Director), Dave Leach, Mike Sievert

Visitors present: UNH RMP students; Garrett Moore

Public Comment: Garrett Moore, Eagle Scout, came to the meeting to ask the committee if they would consider supporting a project. He would like to submit a proposal for small boardwalks/footbridges at Wagon Hall and would like financial support from P&R. The committee asked Garrett to come back with the proposal, including timeline and cost, for final approval.

Motion: Jenna Roberts, seconded by Gregg Moore, to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the P&R Committee, February 25, 2010. **Vote:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

Reports and Updates:

P&R Director's Report – Mike Mengers reported the following:

- Amy and Mike are working on the Memorial Day Parade. There has been a change to the route which has been approved by all key people involved in the parade, including past parade organizers and veterans, police, and the town. There is a concern about timing of tides and the tossing of the wreath.
- Currently there are 11 P&R programs up and running. By the end of year, we will have potentially served 1,000 participants.
- New classes coming soon include: adult tennis, digital photography, theater for children
- Open basketball for all ages is starting at the end of April at ORHS, every Thursday evening.

Chair's Report – Sara Wilson reported on the following:

- Gravel Pit – Sara provided a copy of an email from Mike Lynch explaining why the gravel pit is no longer a viable option for athletic fields for the town.
- Adopt-A-Trail – Since this program doesn't currently have anyone leading it, one approach may be to ask people to go out to the various trails in town and help by assessing the storm damage and reporting back to DPW. Volunteers may be able to take care of some of the clean up but the large damage should be handled by professionals. A group of volunteers in the Sandy Brook neighborhood has offered to work on the trail at the end of Long Marsh Rd.

Other Reports –

- Jenna and Jean reported on the plan to plant the Sensory Garden at Jackson's Landing. They will also work with the JL Playground Committee regarding funding the project. They hope to have the garden planted this spring.

Action Items:

- The group determined who will handle each detail of the Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for Sat., April 3. Jenna, Emily, Sara, Jean, Gregg, and Amy will be there that day.
- Developed a list of goals for 2010 (please see Sara's attachment).

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Amy Cunningham