



**Recreation & Arena Advisory Commission Meeting
March 9, 2021 | 6pm | Microsoft Teams**

Roll Call

Paul Roberts, Sheila Colson, Dave Camire, Joan Strogon, Kevin Barry, Dick Clough, Paul Roberts, Dave Colson, Dale Bickford, Brett Johnson, Ray Varney, Rob Pallas, Lauren Krans, Chris Bowlen, Art Jacobs

All participants stated they have no one else present with them.

Dominicus Hanson Pines (DHP) Update

- The Trustees of the Trust Fund attended the meeting.
- Director Bowlen gave an update on the harvesting project at DHP. This is part of the long term forest management plan to promote forest growth as intended by the property's deed.
- A company has been selected with the guidance of the consulting forester to perform the harvesting.
- Trustee Pallas inquired about the status of the public relation role of this.
- Asst. Director Krans will follow up with Public Relations manager.
- Trustee Johnson inquired about metrics used for tracking foot traffic in the park.
- Asst. Director Krans shared anecdotal evidence of DHP use, will reconnect with Strafford Regional Planning to explore counting foot traffic in the future. Rec is trying to host more programs in DHP.
- D. Camire inquired about how the company will access the park area.
- The forester is exploring options near the rear of the basketball courts with access to the rail bed.
- Rec Dept will work with forester and company to ensure appropriate access.

Accept February Minutes

- Change the minutes to reflect the accurate rate of 41% free reduced lunch rate. Minutes incorrectly state Rochester free and reduced lunch rate as 27%
- Dave Colson motion to accept correction, Dave Camire second to accept.

Review Revenue and Expense Reports

- COVID has impacted revenues. It is hard to draw comparisons to past years.
- Sheila Colson motion to accept finance reports, Dale Bickford to second.

Spring Use of Arena

- Cocheco Lacrosse is booked for use during 3 week period before they anticipate they can play outside
- Gaining traction with other sport user groups.

Pool and Swim Ideas Summer 2021

- Recreation Supervisor Jacobs meets biweekly with the NHRPA to get updates on summer programming.
- Looking to return to as normal of a summer as possible while maintaining Covid guidelines.
- Looking to offer swim lessons, family swim, and if guidelines permit, a type of Public Swim program. More details at April meeting.



- User group from last summer is looking to book the pool again the HP pool again this summer- will not impact program scheduling. This was a great success last year.

Summer Camp Update

- Lot's of excitement surrounding our announcement that we would be holding camp.
- Second meeting with the school department next week to explore facility options. We are hopeful they will be able to offer facility space for camp sites.
- Next phase of information will be released late March.

Camp Aid Update and 3 Year Plan

- Rec staff has spoke to multiple families and there is a large need for Camp Aid this summer.
- Assistant Director Krans proposed the minimum amount paid by families who receive Camp Aid to be \$200.
- Over next two summers the amount paid by those receiving Camp Aid will increase to reach 50% of the tuition.
- Joan Strogon motion to accept, Sheila Colson motion to second.

Other

- The department was able to hold the 2nd annual Anctil Cup this month.
- Rec Supervisor Jacobs gave an update on SHS use of gym and Spring Sport access to the Rec.
- Rec space in foyer of RCC will not be available to spring sports teams and away teams while waiting for games to start. School is supportive of this.
- A CIP from last budget process was to resurfaced the Tennis Courts-bid is due beginning of April.

Next meeting is April 12th via Teams.

Motion to Adjourn Dale Bickford, Joan second