

Minutes of Recreation Committee

Date: March 8, 2013 Time: 8:30 AM

Attendees: Chairman Martin Pepin, David Witham, Coty Donohue

Administration: City Manager Bob Belmore, Developmental Services Director David Sharples, Recreation Supervisor Nick Campion.

Public: None

Motion by David Witham seconded by Coty Donohue to accept the minutes as presented. M/C, with one abstention.

Packet presented by staff on ongoing and existing projects reference Noble Pines, Pine Street Park and Mast Point Dam. Noble Pines project Pavilion complete, misting station should be operable by summer and skateboard park area scheduled to be completed by fall. Pine Street Park received \$6,000 from Somersworth Housing Authority for improvements. Staff advises they have applied for a \$20,000 grant from the TD Green Street Grant Program. Staff reports that they have also applied for a matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for \$57,500. Discussion of dogs and dog waste at city parks.

Staff reports on Trends Program and Kids Camps.

Miscellaneous: Staff advises that background checks will now be required on all coaches for any city recreation department affiliated sports program.

Discussion on possibility of allowing advertisement signs at the Noble Pines baseball field. Motion by Coty Donohue seconded by Martin Pepin to direct city staff to work with the varied organizations involved in drafting a presentation for the city council. M/C David Witham abstains.

Report from staff on Millennium Park. They advise that they are removing the existing light over the horseshoe pits.

Report from City Manager reference awarding of bid for lawn maintenance for city parks to JLG Landscaping. David Witham notes that this is the same company as last year and that they maintained our parks better than he has ever seen in the past and went above requirements for special events.

City manager advises that a part-time clerk has been hired for the recreation office for the summer months.

Motion to adjourn by David Witham seconded by Coty Donohue. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM

Respectfully submitted: Martin Pepin chairman

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