

**MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MAY 14, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.**

Committee Members Present:           Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair  
  Councilors Marcel Hebert and Brian Tapscott

Administration/staff Present:        City Manager Bob Belmore  
  Police Chief Dean Crombie  
  Director of Planning/Development Services Dave Sharples  
  City Clerk Diane DuBois

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Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Hebert moved to approve the minutes of the 4/13/14 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tapscott, and passed 3-0.

**WILLAND POND – HUNTING PROHIBITED**

Chief Crombie stated that if you enter the pond from private property, you can hunt on the water as long as you follow the state statute that says you cannot shoot within 300’ of a dwelling.

City Manager Belmore stated that we have a city ordinance stating you cannot shoot in parks. Willand Pond is a recognized recreational area. In Chapter 30, Conduct in Parks, Section 4 reads that it shall be unlawful for any person in a park to use, carry or possess firearms of any description, or air rifles, spring guns, BB guns, bow and arrows, slings or any other forms of weapons potentially dangerous to wildlife and dangerous to human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot into park areas from beyond the park boundaries.

City Manager Belmore stated we are going to post signs to this effect, and we are going to enforce it.

Councilor Tapscott asked if Dover is being reactive to this.

The City Manager replied that they are. They have had complaints from two residents. It is state law (RSA 644:13.)

#### PARK SECURITY – SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.

Dave Sharples said they looked at many different options.

- We could buy a kit for \$3,500 which does not include installation.
- Motion cameras cost between \$150 and \$600 each, and we do not know how effective they would be.
- They got a quote from Burns Security of \$9,041 to install security at that park.

City Manager Belmore said Derry and Milford are using cameras.

Chief Crombie said he spoke with the City Manager in Milford and they have had pretty good luck. They had problems with vandalism and contacted IMF Cameras. They bought the software and paid \$7,000 which included set up. Once they had the software, each camera was \$2,000. The cameras can be mounted anywhere on a building, and the range is 700' with phenomenal clarity. They can be used anywhere as long as there is a sign stating cameras are being used.

The City Manager stated they plan to install a camera at the skateboard park with a sign stating that property is under surveillance.

Motion was made by Councilor Tapscott to install a camera at the Noble Pines Playground and signs stating cameras are being used. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hebert and passed 3-0.

#### PARK RULES – DOGS.

City Manager Belmore handed out a draft ordinance from Councilor Witham proposing an amendment to the current park ordinance including inserting a new clause indicating dogs shall be prohibited from designated playing fields where signs are posted.

Councilor Tapscott moved to accept the proposed ordinance, and he would like to have his name added as a sponsor. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hebert, who also asked to have his name added as a sponsor.

Councilor Pepin said he has seen people driving by the park who open their car door and just let their dog out. We have a leash law. We also have signs posted at the parks to pick up dog waste. Councilor Pepin also wished to have his name added to the proposed ordinance.

The motion to accept the proposed ordinance and send it to the full Council passed 3-0.

Pine Street Park Improvement Plan.

Councilor Pepin said they have \$6,000 set aside for improvements. They also had a plan that had previously been approved. At this point, they have nobody to do the work since Public Works is very short-staffed.

City Manager Belmore stated there also seems to be a real need for a new backstop at the Noble Pines. We will get a cost estimate for the installation of the equipment at the Pine Street Park and also for a new backstop at the Noble Pines.

The City Manager said there are some erosion issues at the Noble Pines ball field. They need to do a little something at first base on the dugout side.

Councilor Tapscott moved to change the park name from Pine Street Park to Ash Street Park due to the change of the street name. Motion was seconded by Councilor Hebert and passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dave Sharples passed around some pictures of the skateboard park. They will be installing signs next week and are hopeful it will be open by mid-June.

The City Manager mentioned that we need to revisit the maintenance of the steps going down to High Street.

Dave Sharples indicated that Liberty Mutual employees finished the bridge sections at Willand Pond. Volunteers also painted the dugouts and concession stand at Noble Pines. Also, volunteers cleared about one-third of the trail at the Mast Point Dam.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilor Tapscott to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hebert and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane M. DuBois, City Clerk

