

The November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held at the Greenleaf Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Chairperson Carl Diemer, Vice Chairperson Paul Houlares, City Council Representative Laura Pantelakos, Jackie Pitts, Tom Bolko, Elaine Syracuse, Kathy Siegel, Kathy Brown, DPW Representative Everett Kern, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

**Members Excused:** City Council Representative Ken Smith, School Board Representative Kent LaPage, Harry Clark, Pat McCartney

**Actions/Discussions:**

- Congratulations went out to all the election winners who are members of the Recreation Board
- The Recreation Department's summer intern's report was read and discussed. He suggested work that needs to be done on the boat launch area to make parking easier for the cars and trailers. Better signage was discussed to include pricing for the launch as well as other amenities on the island. Additional lighting was also discussed as a way of keeping the island safe during the evening hours.
- Fees and charges were discussed for the various facilities in the department. It was recommended to raise the indoor pool adult yearly membership from \$100 to \$120 per year and raise other pool fees accordingly. It was also recommended to raise the Spinnaker Point yearly fee from \$160 to \$180 per year and raise all other Spinnaker fees accordingly. Finally, it was suggested to raise the boat launch fee from \$10 to \$15 for each motorized boat launch and from \$25 to \$30 for each commercial launch. Suggestions will go to the fee committee
- The Board discussed numerous options for possible field sites to expand the inventory of large fields in the city of Portsmouth. Among some of the areas of discussion was the Dobles reserve center space that would comfortably fit one large multipurpose field with adequate parking and amenities. Other site included the possibility of

combining the Leary Field area with the Central Little League area to make a large multipurpose field in the baseball off-season. Fences would need to be temporary and light poles realigned. Other areas of interest still include the “stump dump” site for one multipurpose field. The areas listed previously, as well as the high school complex, would be desired areas for field turf as a long term solution for field space and adequate fields to play on. There was much discussion with many pros and cons to the various proposals. It was decided to hold off discussion until the city decided the direction it would take regarding field solutions for the Middle School rehabilitation of Parrott Ave. While on the discussion of the fields at the Middle School area, it was suggested that a crosswalk be installed between the Leary Field entrance and the Public Library. Also suggested was “middle of the street” signage during recreation soccer play and other high traffic times.

- A maintenance report was given on all the work being done at the Spinnaker Point Recreation center including removal of the half moon sidewalk and the installation of a new sidewalk by the DPW. Also, painting of the front of the building and signage. Work continues on the inside and outside to help with drainage after heavy rainstorms.
- There was discussion about leaving the Peirce Island dock in year round. Everett thought that we had a seasonal permit for the dock, but he would check to see if we could get a yearly permit to keep the dock in year round and check with city officials to see if it is permissible..
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.