

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 6-15-11

The June 15th 2011 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held at the Portsmouth Indoor Pool. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Elaine Syracuse, Chairperson Carl Diemer, Ed DelValle, City Councilor Tony Coviello, Jackie Pitts, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

Members Excused: Kathy Siegel, Kent LaPage, Todd Henley, Kory Sirmaian

Actions/Discussions:

- Congratulations went out to reappointed Recreation Board members Jackie Pitts, Kathy Siegel and Elaine Syracuse
- A field/facility naming criteria sheet was passed out to the Board. This criteria was established by a subcommittee of the Board. There was discussion of the naming of the “Granite Street” softball field and a memorial for recently passed Keko Morrissey. Dean Outhouse was in attendance and spoke on behalf of memorializing Keko’s contribution to the men’s softball league. The Board voted unanimously to place a memorial for Keko Morrissey at the Granite Street ballfield. Specifics to be determined at a later date.
- The Board unanimously voted to recommend the City Council deny a request of the Cocheco Valley Humane Society to hold a Dog Walk and Vendor Fair on Peirce Island on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. The Board thought the event would be much too intensive on the Island with 250-300 cars on site, 75-80 vendors and 400-500 participants. Resident boaters, bikers, joggers, playground users and walkers would have little to no chance to use the island on this weekend day, which is its primary use.
- An update was given of the status of the Granite Street softball field. The latest estimated completion date is mid July. Sod should be going down this week (6/15/11).
- Construction has started on the Middle School renovation and Youth Recreation Center. Completion date is expected to be September of 2012.

- Hislop Field renovations have begun with completion date estimated to be early fall. Drawings were passed out showing all the work to be done at that site.
- Athletic duties at PHS were discussed including a very successful spring season including championship game appearances by the girls tennis, girls lacrosse and boys baseball teams.
- Maintenance updates were given on the replacement of lights at Leary Field, Spinnaker Point renovations, and the Outdoor Pool opening.
- A verbal request was considered to name the new gymnasium at the New Youth Recreation Center the “Norm Landry gymnasium”. Currently the gym at the Connie Bean Center is named the Norm Landry gymnasium and the family would like the naming of the gym to move with the facility. The Board requested the family make the request in writing to be considered at the next meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.