

## **RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 10-20-11**

The October 20th 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:** Todd Henley, Kory Sirmaian, Kathy Siegel, Elaine Syracuse, Ed DelValle, City Councilor Tony Coviello, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

**Members Excused:** Carl Diemer, Jackie Pitts, Kent LaPage,

**Guests:** David Moore, Community Development Department, Barry Foley, Assistant Recreation Director

### **Actions/Discussions:**

- David Moore was present to discuss plans for the rehabilitation of the Plains ballfield and playground area. The Board discussed all the details of the plans, asked questions and received a timeline and cost for the project.
- An update was given on the Hislop Field project which expands the footprint of that field. Portsmouth Little League is footing the entire cost of that project which is expected to be completed for the 2012 baseball season.
- An update was given of the agreement between the city and SIPP (Save the Portsmouth Indoor Pool). The lease agreement will keep the pool operating for at least another 5 years if SIPP meets its obligation to fund capital improvement projects for the facility.
- The Alumni/Wentworth softball field is still under construction, with completion expected to start the spring 2012 softball season. Drainage issues have been addressed and the snack bar facility is almost complete.
- Signage for the ALUMNI/Wentworth softball field is ongoing with drawing and specifications expected in the coming weeks. There is still plans for signage for a memorial wall as well as a new sign to replicate the Carl Anania memorial sportsmanship sign.
- The joint building committee asked for advice for two plaques that were at Alumni Field. It was recommended that the Connie Bean

plaque be placed in the new recreation center at the Middle School with the story of Connie Bean and the memorial playground. It was additionally recommended that the memorial plaque for the PHS boys that went off to war should be placed on a flag pole at PHS.

- Barry Foley gave a review of the fall rec. programs and a preview of the winter programs.
- Rus Wilson gave a report of the successful fall athletic programs at PHS.
- A maintenance report was given in lieu of Everett Kern absence. DPW has several projects ongoing at the various recreation facilities
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.