

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 1-18-12

The January 18th 2012 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, Chairman Carl Diemer, School Board Representative Kent LaPage, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

Members Excused: Jackie Pitts

Guests: Barry Foley, Assistant Recreation Director

Actions/Discussions:

- The transition from the Connie Bean Center to the new Youth Recreation Center at the Middle School was discussed at length. The department will keep all current programs and special events and be able to add more programming and special events due to the increase in size at the new facility. In a unanimous vote, the Recreation Board recommended two names should be transferred to the new facility. The name of the gym should be the “Norm Landry” gymnasium and the name of the facility should be the “Connie Bean Recreation Center”.
- The Recreation Department has had conversations with the School Department about taking over Middle School athletic responsibilities when the Youth Recreation Center opens at the Middle School.
- There was much discussion about lights at the South Playground tennis/basketball courts and the possibility of coin operated lights. The current lighting situation is very inexpensive and the added security it offers is appreciated by the dog park users, the walking path users and the neighborhood in the area. Coin operation would add additional capital and operating cost, increase vandalism, lessen security in the area, etc. It was decided that coin operated lights would not be a good idea at all and the situation should remain the same.
- An Alumni-Wentworth Field update was given with all the major work being completed and the field should be ready for a spring opening.
- Signage for Alumni-Wentworth Field was reviewed and received well. All signage is similar to the current signage at Peirce Island.

- Barry Foley gave a review of the winter rec. programs and a preview of the spring programs.
- Rus Wilson gave a report of the successful winter 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 7:15 p.m.