

## RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 7/20/12

The September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held at the new Connie Bean Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Todd Henley, Kory Sirmaian, Kathy Siegel, Elaine Syracuse, Jackie Pitts, Chairman Carl Diemer, School Board Representative Kent LaPage, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

**Members Excused:** Ed DelValle

**Guests:** Barry Foley, Assistant Recreation Director, Tim Bailey, Recreation Supervisor, Everett Kern DPW

### **Actions/Discussions:**

- The family of Norm Landry requested the name of the current gym in the Connie Bean Center (Norm Landry gymnasium) be transferred to the new gym at the new Connie Bean Center. The Board tabled the request until the next meeting so more information could be gathered as to who Norm Landry was, what he accomplished, why the gym was originally named after him, etc.
- The Director gave a report on the use of Leary Field by the Mavericks baseball team and their request to use the field as much as possible. The Department will allow the Mavericks to use as much open time as possible after all youth leagues and adult leagues in Portsmouth are taken care of.
- The Director reviewed the use of Alumni Wentworth softball field. It was a very successful first season with no issues of any kind. All teams and leagues raved about the field and its amenities and the neighbors of the field were not heard from at all, suggesting there were no issues of any kind with the neighbors.
- Bob Hopley will be submitting names for the “Bob Hopley Wall of Honor” at Alumni Wentworth Field for Recreation Board approval at the next Recreation Board meeting.
- Barry Foley and Tim Bailey gave a review of the summer programs and a preview of the fall programs. The summer was very successful with record numbers of participants.

- The Director gave an overview of the new Portsmouth Middle School athletic department responsibilities as well as the PHS athletic duties. There are many areas which can be and have been enhanced and the coordination between the Recreation and Athletic Departments has been seamless.
- The Recreation Board thanked Everett Kern for 27 great years of service to the city and the Recreation Department.
- The Board received a thank you note from Kathy Anania and family for the wall plaque honoring Carl Anania at the new Alumni Wentworth softball field.
- A letter from the Elks Club to the City Council regarding a traffic safety issue was discussed. School Board representative Kent LaPage thought the letter should have gone to the School Board instead of the City Council.
- An open house for the new Connie Bean Center will be held sometime in October after the facility is open.
- A request was made to ask the City Clerk if there are any Recreation Board positions currently open.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.