

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 11/28/12

The November 28th, 2012 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held in the Principal's conference room at Portsmouth High School. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Excused: Elaine Syracuse, Ed DelValle, City Council Rep. Nancy Clayburgh

Guests: Barry Foley, Assistant Recreation Director, Mike Daboul-Seacoast Mavericks, Mike Young and Peter Goodwin-Portsmouth Babe Ruth League

Actions/Discussions:

- Congratulations were given to Recreation Board member Jackie Pitts for her recent election win as a state representative
- 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 family submitted much information from Portsmouth herald archives about the contributions of Norm Landry. After much discussion a motion was made and seconded to have a "Norm Landry Wall of Honor" in the new Connie Bean Center which will memorialize the contribution of any person who has made significant contributions to the Portsmouth Recreation Department.
- The Seacoast Mavericks requested the use of Leary Field for all of their home games for the 2013 baseball season. Representatives of the Portsmouth Babe Ruth League were in attendance to support that request. After much discussion the request was approved. The Board also requested we develop a policy regarding "professional" teams using fields in Portsmouth and check on the city policy for charging fees (vs. "donations") for games in Portsmouth.
- The Board discussed the fate of the wooden sign currently on the old Connie Bean Center and it was suggested that the sign find a new home at the new Connie Bean Center in some fashion and/or be given to the family of Connie Bean if that is not possible.

- The new Senior Services coordinator was suppose to be introduced, but had another commitment. Her resume was reviewed and a report from the Director detailing her first few weeks of employment. She seems to be a great hire and a great fit for the City of Portsmouth and will be giving regular reports at future Recreation Board meetings.
- Barry Foley gave a review of the fall programs and a preview of the winter programs for the Recreation department and the Portsmouth Middle School. The fall was very successful with record numbers of participants in both departments.
- The Director gave an overview of the new Portsmouth Middle School athletic department responsibilities as well as the PHS athletic duties. Fall sports teams at PHS were very successful with the PHS football team winning the Division 3 state championship for the second consecutive year.
- The Recreation Board received a thank you card from Everett Kern. The Board sent Everett a gift previously for 27 great years of service to the city and the Recreation Department.
- At a previous meeting, a request was made to ask the City Clerk if there are any Recreation Board positions currently open. The city clerk responded that all positions were filled and listed two members that whose terms will expire in 2013.
- Carl Diemer gave a report of the meeting he attended and spoke at regarding the disposition of funds from the sale of the old Connie Bean Center. The building is expected to be sold in December of 2012.
- It was requested that at the next meeting the Board take a tour of the Dobles Center as well as the Kittery Recreation Center
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.