

City of Portsmouth, NH
Recreation Board
Minutes of Meeting of March 18, 2026

Present: Kathie Lynch [online], Rich Duddy [chair], Amy Mae Court, Scott Chaudoin, Jacki Calli-Pitts, Todd Henley, Rich Blalock [city council rep], Lauren Krans, Tish

Guests: Michelle Shepard and Anna Lisa Le Blanc [YMCA]

1. Meeting called to order at the Community Campus at 6:32; quorum established.
2. Minutes: Rich Blalock moved, 2nd by Scott Chaudoin to accept the minutes of the February meeting; unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Suspension of agenda: Motion by Rich Blalock, 2nd Lauren Krans to suspend the rules to move up the YMCA presentation; unanimously approved.
 - a. Representatives of Granite State YMCA and Seacoast YMCA provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history and current business model of the YMCA in NH. The presentation is attached to the minutes. At the conclusion of the presentation was an open discussion between Board members and YMCA representatives on the mutual needs and possible supports to each other in the areas of recreation and facility supports.
5. Letters and Communications: Todd noted that reappointments for Rich Duddy, Lauren Krans, and Jacki Calli-Pitts are in process for a 3 year term.
6. Old Business: Motion by Rich Blalock, 2nd Jacki Calli-Pitts to adopt Draft #3 of the Code of Conduct as the behavioral expectations for users of Recreation Department fields and facilities; unanimously approved. Todd will have signs of the code made and hung at appropriate locations.
7. New Business:
 - a. Field use contracts for co-sponsored youth sports and recreation have been sent to each organization for the 2026 season; many spring and a few fall sports contracts have been signed and sent back to the department. Part of the contracts requires payment of the out-of-city participants in each organization to the Recreation Department.
 - b. Upcoming events: Todd shared flyers of the upcoming events for the department and encouraged Board members who are available to volunteer to assist in these events.
 - c. Art in the Community Campus: Todd reported that public art will be installed in the lobby of the Community Campus and rededicated on March 25; Board members are invited to attend. In addition the lobby will become a showcase for student art once the proper hardware has been installed for hanging the art.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 pm approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Lynch
Secretary