

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 1-18-17

The January 18, 2017 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held in conference room A in City Hall. The meeting was call to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Carl Diemer, City Council representative Josh Cyr, Kory Sirmain, Lisa Louitt, Todd Henley, Jackie Pitts, Rick Beckstead, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

MEMBERS EXCUSE: Nancy Clayburgh, Kathy Lynch

GUESTS: Barry Foley, Brinn Chute, Tim Bailey, Representatives from Weston and Sampson and DPW employees

- Representatives from Weston and Sampson gave a presentation on the proposed construction of an artificial turf field at the Route 33 “stump dump” site.
- Following the presentation they answered questions from the Recreation Board followed by questions from the public in attendance. Many of the questions were in regard to the infill that may be used for the project. Following a lengthy discussion the Board unanimously passed the recommendation to bid the project with crumb rubber as the primary infill with an alternative bid for another infill product.
- Financial and membership report was given for all of the recreation facilities with membership and revenues increasing from previous years.
- Barry Foley (Connie Bean Center), Tim Bailey (Spinnaker Point) and Brinn Sullivan (Senior Center) all gave reports on activities at their respective facilities.
- An update was give on Peirce Island and plans to cope with limited parking and space at that facility for the next 4-5 years.
- The July 3rd celebration will be sponsored by Wilcox Industries for the next 10 years at \$40,000 per year
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.