

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 5-17-17

The May 17th, 2017 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held in the Principals conference room at Portsmouth High School. The meeting was call to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSE: Lisa Louitt

GUESTS: Barry Foley, Brinn Chute, Tim Bailey,

- An update was given on the Route 33 artificial turf field progress. The plan still call for one artificial turf field with approx. 90 parking spaces and lit for night time use. Amenities will be provided as the budget process continues
Brinn Chute gave an update on the Dobles site as a possible location for a 50+ activity center. Architectural plans were discussed keeping in mind the restrictions the federal government has place on the property
- Rus Wilson update the board on the progress of the new basketball/tennis/pickleball courts at the south playground. They are scheduled to be completed in time for summer use.
- An update was given on the July 3rd celebration with Wilcox Industries tking the lead role in the entertainment for the evening. There will also be additional funds for an even larger fireworks display this year.
- After talking with the city attorney, it was determined that firearms are allowed in public facilities according to state law.
- Barry Foley (Connie Bean Center) Tim Bailey (Spinnaker) both gave reports on their facilities and the ongoing activity.
- A discussion was held regarding a request from a citizen to honor long time recreation supporter Chris Anderson with a memorial tribute at Leary Filed. The Recreation Director will coordinate the tribute with private parties using private funds to honor Mr. Anderson
- A tour of many recreation facilities will take place at the next meeting in June
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.