

City of Portsmouth Recreation Board Meeting

February 17, 2021 5:00pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance:

- Chair: Carl Diemer, Rich Blalock, Jackie Cali-Pitts, Todd Henley, Tara Kennedy, Kathy Lynch, Deaglan McEachern, Kory Sirmaian

Staff: Tim Bailey, Karen Conard, Barry Foley, Peter Rice, Brinn Sullivan

Other: Bob Bogardus, Mayor Rick Becksted

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order / Roll Call to determine A Quota
2. City Manager Update: Recreation director position has been narrowed down to final 3 candidates.
3. Edge Sports Discussion
(See attached sample agreements and review highlighted hyperlinks).
Presenters: Edge Sports Brian Devellis + Chris Collins.
Supporter: Adam Koslowski
Discussion points:
 - Private/public partnership – not run by rec dept. Possible tax revenue to City. Addition of a private multi-sport complete to City.
 - Where in the City? Possible at the new fields being constructed.
 - What included in facility? Facility could include skating rink.
 - Who served? All ages – Rec Dept can request time to use based on need (still a cost to dept).
 - What would the cost be to the individual user? What implications to other facilities?
 - Need for outdoor fields still a need? Status of Stump Dump?

Motion by Councilor McEachern / 2nd by J. Cali-Pitts: Move to City Council for consideration and further discussion. Passed – all in favor

4. Pickle Ball – citizen letter request
Presenters: Carol Clark, Kevin Semprini, Arthur Bruinooge (letter attached)
Discussion points:
 - Wait for new director
 - What about courts at Campus? Or New Franklin School?
 - Would there be availability for everyone – not just pickleball group? Tennis players?
 - Middle School impact?
 - Where money will come from for renovation?

Motion by Councilor McEachern / 2nd by T. Henley: Move to City Council for consideration and to fund through FY21 CIP. Passed – 6 to 1.

5. Report from Recreation Staff

- A. Recap on Winter activities. (Barry Foley)
- B. Update on the Spinnaker reopening plan. (Tim Bailey)
- C. Update on the Senior Center operations and activities. (Brinn Sullivan)
- ~~D. Update on School sports programming and activities (Tom Kozikowski)~~

6. Other Reports, Communications

Mayor Beckett reported to the Rec Board that the Prescott Park Master Plan has plans for a maintenance building and a possible location is PI.

He also commented in favor of a community conversation for Pickle Ball and rec needs.

- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Adjournment