

The September 17th 2008 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held at the Greenleaf Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Recreation Board Chairperson Carl Diemer, Assistant Chairperson Paul Houlares, City Council Representative Laura Pantelakos, School Board Representative Kent LaPage, Kathy Siegel, Elaine Syracuse, Jackie Pitts, Recreation Director Rus Wilson, D.P.W. Representative Everett Kern

Members Excused: Pat McCartney, Harry Clark

Invited Staff: Assistant Recreation Director Barry Foley, Pool Supervisor Greig Cronauer

Actions/Discussions:

- Tom Cowgill addressed the Board about a downtown skateboard park location instead of the current one at Greenleaf Avenue. Much discussion ensued. The Board will look at all possibilities for a future skateboard park.
- The Board was asked to advise on the renaming of the Spinnaker Point Recreation Center gymnasium to the John F. Kennedy gymnasium, as a way of remembering the former President after the razing of the J.F.K Adult Recreation center to make way for the new public library. Many Recreation Board members thought a more appropriate idea would be to erect a plaque at the new public library with a brief description of the former armory/JFK Center with picture etc., much like the state house plaque in Market Square.
- Recreation staff gave a detailed report on past and ongoing activities throughout the department and answered any questions the Board had about programming and facility issues.
- Much discussion about fields, possible locations for new fields and how we could better use the fields we have through realignment.
- Recreation Director gave a report on the ongoing athletic director duties at PHS and things continue to go smoothly
- Public Works gave a report on the carry-in, carry-out policy at Peirce island and ongoing and future fall projects at Recreation facilities.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.