

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 6/15/22

The June 15, 2022 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held in the Community Campus located at 100 Campus Drive. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Chairman Carl Diemer, Rich Duddy, Kathie Lynch, Lauren Krans, Bob Bogartus, Kory Sirmaian, Recreation Director Todd Henley.

Members Excused: Jackie Cali-Pitts, Rich Blalock, Brian French

Guests: Deaglan McEachern, Mayor; Barry Foley, Assistant Recreation Director; Lexy VanBinsbergen, Pool Supervisor; Tim Bailey, Spinnaker Point Supervisor; Brinn Chute, Senior Services Coordinator; Bridget Crompton, Administrative Clerk; Nick Lawrence, Recreation Supervisor; Peter Rice, Director of Public Works

Public Comment: Multiple members of the public gave comments on the need for an ice rink in Portsmouth as part of a multi-sport complex. PHS ice hockey players and coach expressed need for home ice and practice times.

Actions/Discussions:

- Turf Field PFAs Testing Results
 - Peter Rice, Director of Public Works, gave update to Board on the results of the PFAs testing that was done by the city. The results showed minimal amounts of PFAs found mostly in the infill. The minute amounts were determined by the independent company that did the testing to prove that the field is safe to play on and creates no public danger.
- Facilities Update from Public Works Director
 - Lighting installed at new turf field should be operational soon.
 - Outdoor Pool funding for aquatics upgrade will be voted on at July 11 Council meeting. New liner, gutter, filter, pump house to be built, starting just after summer season.
 - Skatepark is in 30% design phase. Committee is continuing to raise money for lights for the park.
 - Indoor Pool annual maintenance shut-down will be in August. New deck drains and deck surfacing will be done. Last capital project that SIPP will do.
- Update on Recreation Needs Study

- Todd Henley updated the Board on the progress as Placework was unable to attend. Overview of public workshop and the general thoughts that were found in that process. Survey will continue to be open and has been successful so far. Timeline to get finished report is in the fall.
- Update on Budget
 - Todd Henley gave all members copies of the Recreation Department, Senior Services, Indoor Pool and Community Campus budgets. Largest increases are for Utilities (lighting and new lights), port-a-potties, and other contractual obligations.
- Old Business
 - Letter from Luke Wentworth requesting basketball hoop/court installed at Plains Field. Board agreed it did not think there was sufficient room for that at that park. However, new skatepark is located very close and there could be one incorporated into the design there.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.