

City of Portsmouth Recreation Board Meeting

January 25, 2024
Community Campus
6:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call to determine a quota: Carl Diemer, Chair; Rich Blalock, Elizabeth Barrett, Lauren Krans, Robert Bogartus, Jackie Cali-Pitts, Rich Duddy, Kathryn Lynch, Kory Sirmaian
3. Public Comment: David Lawrence (22 Stonewall Drive, Rochester, NH) – spoke in support of the letter he submitted to Rec Board to place a memorial plaque/stone sculpture for Bridge Club member at the Senior Activity Center.
4. Letter Request for Memorial Plaque at Senior Activity Center
 - The request was for a small garden area and plaque near Senior Center sign.
 - Garden area request was brought to DPW/Greenery to get approval for plantings
 - Nicole (Senior Center Supervisor) was waiting for group to give her the mock up of the plaque.
 - She came into work a few weeks later to find a 3 foot granite stone NH sculpture installed without permission with the memorial plaque attached.
 - Group did not receive formal permission to install.
 - City requested they remove it and await process for permission.
 - Rec Director spoke to “naming criteria” that Rec Board passed a handful of years ago and that if anything, this would fall to the bottom tier of that criteria which would potentially qualify for a name added to the “Wall of Honor” at Alumni field.
 - Nicole and Recreation Director pointed out that the Bridge group is a rental and that the person for whom the request is for is not a Portsmouth resident.
 - Jackie, Liz and Kathie spoke in favor of the request but maybe a possible different location.
 - Rich D., Carl, Bob, spoke against allowing it.
 - Jackie motioned to table the topic until next meeting and letting the Chairman do more research as to a possible location or solution. Motion passed 6 for, 2 against, 1 abstain
5. Officer Elections for 2024
 - Rich Duddy – Chair; Lauren Krans – Vice Chair; Kathie Lynch - Secretary
6. Old Business
Nothing

7. New Business
Nothing

8. Adjournment