

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from Feb 16, 2017 Meeting**

Committee Members: Amelia Brock, Lauren Flieder, Mary Miller (Chair), Chiara Dolcino, and Althea Barton

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director, Heather Shank, City Planner, Laura Bryant, Recreation Supervisor, Chris Jacques, Parks Superintendent and Matt Walsh from City Managers Office.

Guest: Nicholas Kotkowski from Ward 7, Nick Wallner, James Potter and several members from Concord Crush Lacrosse League.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Mary welcomed all guests and staff members.

Mary Miller made a motion to accept minutes from the January 2017 meeting. Chiara seconded it, approved.

New Business:

Update on Community Center Project

Matt Walsh gave a presentation on the plans inside/outside for the new community center then opened up to RPAC for questions.

A discussion began regarding where programs would move during construction, questions regarding building construction. David thanked the Concord School District for allowing the Dept. to use Rundlett Middle School for many of our summer camps. There was how the fields will be affected if at all. David Gill indicated the final design will not affect the layout of the fields. Mary Miller asked when will construction start. Matt Walsh indicated later this spring. Everyone is very excited about the project finally moving forward.

Terrill Park Design Update

David Gill introduced Dave Fenstermacher from VHB of the Terrill Park design team. Dave F gave a presentation about the proposed layout and plans for Terrill Park. (See attached plans)

A discussion began regarding the layout, usage and construction; everyone loved the improved connection to the river. Members of the Concord Crush Lacrosse League shared their input about concerns that the turf field is available for all community use not just schools. Mary asked what the timeline for the new park is. David Gill indicated in the years budget (FY17) we have money for full design and currently phase 1 is listed in FY18 (combined city money and donations). However, this may change based on what is approved in the FY18 budget. Amelia asked if at a future meeting the committee will look at the different types of artificial turf fields. David indicated yes and that we will come back with a multi-phase plan for the new improved park.

Amelia made a motion to accept the preliminary plans and to continue with planning of the park as presented, Lauren seconded it. Approved.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill