

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

June 9, 2020
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Call to order

Governor Sununu has issued Emergency Order #16, which waives the requirement that quorum be physically present in the meeting room; a meeting of a public body may be conducted with most or all members participating electronically. To maintain the Governor's Directive that no more than 10 people shall gather, the public is not allowed into the meeting room. There is a contact number at the bottom of the Derry TV Cam screen with a phone number where members of the public can listen in and participate in the Public Forum and Public Hearing portions of the meeting. This access number was also posted along with the agenda and posted on the exterior doors of the Municipal Center. Please note that due to the physical absence of some Councilors, all votes taken shall be done by Roll Call.

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Roll Call: Councilor's Tripp, Katsakiores and Chairman Foote in-person and Councilor's Morgan, Bourdon, Chirichiello, and Wetherbee by Video.
Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Consent Agenda

20-61 Ordinance #2020-007 – Amend Chapter 150 of the General Code to allow Parklets in Public Rights of Ways

Motion by Councilor Tripp to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Consent agenda approved

New Business

20-62 PARKS AND RECREATION WORKSHOP – Staff Presenting and Bob Barcelona: UNH Recreation Management & Policy

The Town Council approved a \$1.8 million bond in January 2019 for improvements to the Town's recreation facilities. Prior to approval, the Recreation Division reached out to various groups seeking input on the original proposal to invest in the Alexander Carr-Park Lodge, erection of lights at a baseball diamond at Don Ball Park, and installation/replacement of playground/exercise equipment. Groups expressed interest in seeking improvements to a variety of town recreation facilities. Recognizing that the demand for improvements would exceed available funding, the Council authorized the completion of a needs assessment by the UNH Recreation Management and Policy Department.

The following recommendations were suggested after the completion of the parks and recreation study done by UNH:

1. Revitalize Hood park, focusing on nature-based recreation with active recreation elements. Consider expanding programming and events to draw more participants to the park.
2. Revitalize Alexander-Carr Park, including upgrading and renovating the Lodge for community activities and functions, renovate the existing playgrounds, and renovate or repurpose the existing skate park.
3. Increase lighted multipurpose rectangular field space, and add one additional 90' baseball diamond.
4. Finish the Derry Rail Trail, capitalize on Derry's shared notion of connectivity as a community value, and position Derry as a hub for trail networks in the state and region.
5. Investigate the feasibility of adding a 20-30,000 square foot community indoor recreation center with dedicated space for seniors and teens/youth.
6. Finance park and recreation improvements including a multigenerational community center from a diverse mix of funding sources.
7. Add additional full time employees to the parks and recreation department to better maintain and improve park and recreation facilities and amenities and to accommodate participant needs for recreation programming.

Adjournment: 9:25 p.m.



Town Clerk

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

9-3-2020
Date