Meeting Minutes: Town of Londonderry Recreation Commission
Date: April 13, 2026
Time: 7:32 PM – 8:16 PM
Location: Londonderry, New Hampshire

Attendance

- **Art Psaledas**
- **Roberta Davis**
- **Kevin Foley**
- **Mike Bartlett (New Member)**
- **Kristina Ciarametaro**
- **Mike Campo**

1. Call to Order and Minutes Approval

- **The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.**
- **The minutes from the previous week's meeting were reviewed and accepted as prepared.**

2. Welcome New Member

- **The Commission welcomed Mike Bartlett, a long-time local coach and volunteer, to the board.**

3. Skate Park Inspection & Closure

- **Status: The skate park has been officially locked and closed due to significant safety hazards.**
- **Condition Report:**
  - **The structure is roughly 25–26 years old.**
  - **Severe wood rot and plywood deterioration were found.**
  - **Non-stainless steel screws have disintegrated, allowing water to damage the internal framework.**
  - **Metal surfacing has eroded to "paper thin" in several sections.**
- **Public Response: The department has fielded approximately 80 emails regarding the closure, with about a 50/50 split between residents and non-residents.**
- **Next Steps: A formal discussion with the Town Council is scheduled for April 20th to review the inspection report and determine if the structure should be demolished or repaired. Estimates for a new concrete park in neighboring towns have reached $800,000, though local repairs were previously estimated at roughly $75,000–$100,000.**

4. Summer Programs & Staffing

- **Hiring: Summer staffing is complete, including two senior counselors and six standard counselors.**
- **Capacity Issues: Due to classroom reconfigurations for full-day kindergarten at elementary schools, the Recreation Department has lost access to several rooms.**
- **Enrollment:**

- **Summer Rec: Capacity lowered from 400 to 300, with an additional 42 participants added recently.**
- **Voyager Program: 7 additional slots were added to meet high demand.**

5. Spring Programming Updates

- **Dodgeball: 45 participants.**
- **Tennis: 23 participants (openings remain).**
- **Intro to Track: 31 participants with a waitlist of 11.**
- **Women's 25+ Basketball: 18 participants.**

6. Facilities & Maintenance

- **Field Policies: Doug is working with local leagues and schools to establish updated field facility policies and rental fee schedules.**
- **"Restore the Rec" Project: The old basketball courts have been removed and the first layer of paving is complete. The courts are expected to remain closed until May for line painting and hoop installation.**
- **Funway Park Cleanup: Scheduled for Saturday, April 18th. 60 yards of mulch will be spread with help from the high school football team and local volunteers.**
- **Equipment: The Commission discussed the need for a new field spreader (estimated at under $5,000) as the current unit is roughly 20 years old and failing.**
- **New Vehicle: The department received a "hand-me-down" pickup truck from DPW with low mileage to replace a failing unit.**

7. Strategic Plan

- **The Recreation Department's priorities will be integrated into the town's new Strategic Plan, which is expected to be presented to the Town Council in late May. This plan will provide a structured roadmap for maintaining existing assets and planning new projects.**

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.