



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date:	Monday, August 11, 2008
Meeting Time:	7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Mark Hyson, Greg Nesman, Joe Tenuta, Peter McKenney, and John Towle. Absent: Rich Thorpe and Brenda Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: Joe Tenuta made a motion to approve the minutes from July 14, 2008. Peter McKenney seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITIZENS FORUM: Bruce Thorner – President of the Dover Youth Softball League. Bruce brought up two issues for consideration by the board.

1. DYSL feels that user fees should be looked at being required by all users that use the fields; this includes St. Thomas, St. Mary's, PCA, etc... Gary Bannon stated that the Recreation Advisory Board would need to make a policy decision on this issue. This will be tabled to the September 8, 2008 meeting.
2. Can DYSL get an outside contractor to take care of the fields? Gary Bannon stated that the City only contracts out the mowing and the spraying. Bruce stated that DYSL has a sponsor, Green Grass Lawn Care that would take care of the fields. Bob Carrier stated that Dover Baseball hires an outside contractor to take care of the infields for that organization. Gary Bannon stated that there is only a certain level of field maintenance that the City will do. Gary doesn't see any issue with DYSL hiring an outside contractor as long as the application process is posted properly and that the Facility and Grounds department is made aware of such work. Mark Hyson stated that this should all be part of the M.O.U. for each organization that uses a respective field, included with the concession stand M.O.U.

REPORTS:

- A. ADVISORY BOARD:** Peter McKenney stated that he read in Foster's that 2 out of the 4 All Star Coaches from Dover Baseball were thrown out of games. These



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were both Cal Ripken games. Peter asked if these coaches have gone through any coaching programs. Bob Carrier stated that Dover Baseball is aware of the situation and as of yet, has not met on the issue. However, Dover Baseball will be meeting to discuss the situation. Bob Carrier stated that Dover Baseball has a zero tolerance policy. Peter McKenney asked what is in place to prevent these types of coaches going from sport to sport coaching the kids of Dover.

Bob Carrier stated that the Central Towers personnel contacted the Recreation Department Senior Center on offering a Tai-Chi program or something similar to help with elderly physical fitness. Gary Bannon stated that the Recreation Department already offers a class at the McConnell Center for Senior Fitness. Gary stated that he will speak to the Senior Fitness Instructor to see what her thought was on a program in other areas.

Bob Carrier also stated that he spoke with Kathryn Parker regarding the decorative tiles in the McConnell Center and this is being revisited by the Middle School Art Department as a class project to possibly get the sport leagues in town to work with the Middle School on creating some new tiles. Bob stated that he would like to see each sport league in town that wanted to put up \$50 - \$100 to the Middle School Art Department and the Art Department would make the tiles and the High School Vocational students would put it up. The board was unanimous in supporting this idea.

Bob Carrier stated that he went by Park Street and walked the park. The park is overgrown and is in poor shape. Bob stated that maybe the Community Works program could possibly go and clean up the area; however the neighborhood would need to be informed ahead of time.

Bob Carrier also stated that the Buddy Ball program that was put on by Dover Baseball with the help of other organizations was a giant success again this year.



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They had 22 participants and a cook out after the program. This was the second annual event and plans are being made to continue the program next year.

- B. Recreation Director:** Gary Bannon stated that he checked with Mike Arsenault regarding the lawn at Guppy Park. Gary stated that there were no real problems with the lawn after all the swim meets. Gary stated that they did allow parking on the lawn for the swim meets but only for the concession stand personnel.

Gary stated that the summer camp, playground, and swim lesson programs will be ending this week. He will check out the budget at the end of the season for both programs and see how they did for the season.

Gary stated that the McConnell Center is having water problems on the St. Thomas street side of the building. Water has flooded into the Cafeteria and Day Care areas. The flooding is occurring from the run-off from other properties and the drainage pipes in the road that back up during heavy rains. The City will be investigating the drainage issue and that the area around the building will have better flow to the catch basins. The insurance will take care of any damaged caused by the flooding.

Gary stated that work is also being done on the drainage and parking area around the Woodman Park Basketball court. Also the staff at Woodman Park School wants the playground to be fixed. The City needs a person to handle maintenance on the playgrounds and there needs to be money set up in some type of perpetual fund to take care of these items.

Gary stated that there are significant parking problems at the Dover Indoor Pool with regards to pool patrons and the Children's Museum. Gary stated he will be meeting with the Dover Police Department and the Children's Museum to find



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out what can be done, one possibility is that the Dover Fast Trans system may be able to help out shuttling people from another location when it is implemented.

Gary stated that the Hancock Park Neighborhood will be having a cookout on August 11, 2008 and all the Recreation Advisory Board members are welcome to come. The cookout will be from 11 AM – 2 PM. Gary stated that the Maple Trees and the shrubs will be planted this week at Hancock Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Shaw's Lane Building Progress/MOU for Youth Soccer and Youth

Softball/Dover Baseball: Bruce Thorner from DYSL updated the board and stated that the counter tops and cabinets are in. Martineau Electric will finish up the electrical work for the concession area shortly. Tim Little from the Dover Soccer Association will be in contact with the City for a final electrical inspection. Dover Soccer Association is planning on using the concession stand this season. Gary Bannon spoke with Busy Bee Cleaning and they will clean both bathrooms for \$25 per visit.

B. Master Plan: Bob Carrier stated that everything has not been finalized yet for final presentation. Bob also stated that there was not much change to comment on since the last Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The Master Plan should be finalized in approximately 2 weeks.

C. Butterfield Gym Dedication Status: Gary Bannon stated that things are getting closer to completion on the dedication. Ernie Clark is reviewing everything and once it is all reviewed, Kevin Goodwin will start doing work on the signs. The total price tag for this project is \$4,600.00 for everything including the center circle in the gym being repainted. There will be a dedication in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- A. Code of Ethics Development:** The board voted unanimously to table this to the September 8, 2008 meeting.
- B.** Bob Carrier stated that Dover Baseball is hiring a book keeper position and giving all the information to an accountant to look over each year for their books and Bob recommends that all organizations do the same.

ADJOURN: John Towle made a motion to adjourn that meeting. Greg Nesman seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hyson