

**DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**MARCH 13, 2006**

- I. Call To Order:** Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.  
**Present:** Bob Carrier, Jon Sibik, Joe Tenuta, Rich Thorpe, Gary Bannon, Suzanne Meadows, Mark Hyson & City Council Liason Bob Keays. Paulette (UNH Recreation)  
**Absent:** Pete Michel
- II. Approval of Minutes for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** Joe Tenuta made a motion to accept the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Jon Sibik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Citizen's Forum:** Bruce Thorner, President of Dover Youth Softball spoke to the group. Bruce is looking for help getting the Shaw's Lane Fields ready for their planned April 29 Field Day. Bruce also gave the Rec Board an outline of goals for the Shaw's Lane complex. He also shared a drawing of a proposed Concession/Storage Building for the Shaw's Lane Fields. A site walk of the Shaw's Lane Fields will be scheduled during the month of March consisting of Gary Bannon, Doug Steele, Bruce Thorner from Dover Youth Softball along with a representative from Dover Youth Soccer. Installation of the Scoreboard, new infield mix, planned location of the Concession Building will be discussed.
- IV. Reports-Advisory Board:** Suzanne Meadows spoke about her recent trip Willand Pond. The water level is high so a couple of the bridges on the walking trail are under water. Jon Sibik asked if the Youth Basketball Leagues could finish before February vacation. The teams cannot practice during vacation week and the skills and desire seem to wane for the final week. Gary responded that the plan was to end the leagues before the vacation but "snow days" affected the plan.
- V. Reports-Gary Bannon:** Willand Park Trail Grant was closed. Signage and picnic tables are ready to be put in place this Spring.

The Heyliger Awards Program went well. The funds collected more than paid for this year's event. Thank You letters, along with a copy of the evening's program will be sent to the sponsors.

Gary informed the Rec Board that each member could get an e-mail address on the City of Dover Website. See Gary if interested!

Dover Main Street has asked Gary and the Rec Board to suggest areas they can include in their annual May Clean-Up.

Hancock Park Renovation continues to move forward. Fencing was installed and the infrastructure work is next. Gary is looking for an additional bid on playground equipment. Gary hopes that the equipment will be installed in July and the landscape work to be complete this fall.

The Coaches Training program, now using the new CoachSmart Program, has started. Dover Youth Softball and Dover Little League will be trained later this month. Dover Baseball is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Old Business:** The Code of Conduct for Dover Rec affiliated Leagues will be worked on by Rich Thorpe and Mark Hyson. A report will be presented during the April Rec Advisory Board Meeting.

The Senior Program Advisory Committee continues to meet each Friday morning. They are currently working on a List of Programs and the redesign of the McConnell Center. Planned kitchen area along with securement areas are being discussed.

Maglaras Park Master Plan was distributed to the Rec Board Members for their review.

McConnell Center Re-Use Committee continues to meet regularly. The project is moving quickly! Gary was asked to join the committee by Otis Perry. Gary is working on the Fit-Out Costs. The balcony on the side court of the gym is under consideration to be removed. Extra space created by the removal will provide a wider court.

**VII. New Business:** A By-Law Review meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00pm at the Carrier Conference Center on Hough Street.

Dover Youth Football has a new Board of Directors and they are aggressively looking for real estate to build a complex of fields.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.