

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MAY 8, 2006

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Present: Bob Carrier, Pete McKenney, Pete Michel, Joe Tenuta, Rich Thorpe, John Towle, Royce Stegman, Bob Keays (City Council Liason)

Absent: Mark Hyson, John Sibik

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2006: Joe Tenuta made a motion to accept the April 10 minutes. Pete Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- III. CITIZENS FORUM: There was no Citizens Forum this evening.

- IV. REPORTS:

ADVISORY BOARD:

Rich Thorpe attended Dover Little Green Sign-ups. They are looking to add a 5th-6th-grade squad to be consistent with the rest of the league. Little Green has requested a formal letter from the Rec Advisory Board stating Brian Zabkar's coaching status for 2006. (Letter has been sent to Dover Baseball).

Royce told the Rec Board that Dover Youth Football is working towards a 2007 merger with the Seacoast Titans.

Bob Carrier provided an update on Dover Baseball Fields. Aluminum bleachers are planned for both Woodman and Sullivan with Gravel Fund Money. Bob is also working with the City relative to the Shaw's Lane Scoreboard and park signage.

Bob Keays asked about the grass/drainage at Shaw's Lane. Pete McKenney and John Towle both responded that things are good at this time.

John Towle mentioned that something should be done to improve the Dog Waste situation at Shaw's Lane.

GARY BANNON – RECREATION DIRECTOR

Gary presented the three new members with their information package.

Gary spoke about his proposed budget. (.2% reduction in the General Fund).

The summer staff is being hired. The Rec Department is performing "Business as Usual" until otherwise notified.

Dover Auto World (Ron Cole) is offering the City of Dover a deal on vehicles. The city will purchase a vehicle for \$1 for the summer and return it in August.

Gary is working with Dover Youth Soccer and Dover Youth Softball on a concept plan for a concession building. A drawing has been created and size/utilization being discussed.

Neighbors have contacted Gary to discuss minor improvements to Amanda Howard Park on Elmwood & Fairview Streets.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Rich is working on a letter to be sent to all Dover Rec-Affiliated Leagues. Plan is to have a citywide Code of Conduct that includes how to deal with violations. Goal – 2007

Gary spoke about various projects being worked on with the Dover Senior Committee. McConnell Center layout and the review of existing/new programs are just a few of the items being worked on during the Friday morning meetings.

The McConnell Center project is moving quickly. Planned move of the Recreation Department to the McConnell Center is the end of August 2006.

By-Laws for the Rec Advisory Board are being reviewed. Bob C. & Rich T. will publish amended By-Laws for all of the Rec Advisory Board members. Future special meeting will be scheduled.

Hancock Park continues to move forward. A meeting was held with the neighbors and equipment has been ordered. Equipment should be on-site in July. Landscape work will be done in the fall.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The meeting with the three youth football leagues has yet to occur. The original meeting was postponed due to the flood. Rich has sent out a new e-mail (no responses) and will so again.

The summer meeting schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted: Rich Thorpe Acting Secretary