

**DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 12, 2006**

**I. Call To Order:** Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Present:** Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Joe Tenuta, Pete McKenney, Peter Michel, Rich Thorpe, Jonathan Towle, Royce Stegman, and Mark Hyson

**Absent:** John Sibik, Robert Keays (City Council Rep.), Suzanne Meadows

**II. Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2006** - Pete McKenney made a motion to accept the May 8, 2006 minutes. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**IV. Reports – Advisory Board** – Pete McKenney stated that there is no, “No Parking” signs at the circle for the condo’s adjacent to Shaw’s Lane fields.

Bob Carrier stated that the rain outs have been very tough for Dover Baseball. Dover Baseball’s summer season will be starting up soon. Bob thanked the Arena for allowing them to use the facility for pictures. Bob also stated that there have been 9 break-ins for concession stands for Dover Baseball this year. The police have been notified and they are working on the cases, Bob also stated that the Police are doing a great job and have been very helpful.

Bob Carrier also stated that he would get in contact with Bruce Thorner regarding Shaw’s Lane field improvements.

Mark Hyson stated that Field B at Shaw’s Lane is still having drainage problems in between the shortstop and third base areas. Also Field A is having some drainage issues in between home plate and first base. Mark also asked Gary Bannon to check with Paul Chalue’s office on the sprinkler head behind home plate on Field A. Mark thinks that this head is not properly working.

**IV. Reports – Gary Bannon** – Gary Bannon spoke on the flood damage. Gary stated that at one point there was 2 feet of water in the basement of Butterfield Gym. Gary stated that there was over \$100,000 dollars of property damage and over \$50,000 in lost or damaged equipment. Gary also stated that the Human Services Department lost a lot and their offices are temporarily in the conference room at the Butterfield Gym. Gary stated that the bridge at Bellamy Park was washed away in the flood and it has not turned up yet.

Gary Bannon followed up on a previous issue with a coach that went through retraining Bob Carrier stated that as far as he knew there have been no problems with baseball. Rich Thorpe stated that he will follow up and see how things are going with that coach.

Gary Bannon stated that all of his summer staff are line up, and staff training is on going. The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is open for swim meets and it will open for the general public on Tuesday, June 20, 2006.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Coaches Training Program – Code of conduct for Leagues** - Rich Thorpe stated that he will be

getting a list of all the league contacts from Gary Bannon and drafting an initial letter to the leagues to let them know what the board is working on and to get their input.

**B. Senior Program Advisory Committee** – Gary Bannon stated that things are moving along. The committee is meeting monthly. Gary stated that he went to the last Senior Center monthly meeting and it was very positive and the committee was very receptive. The committee is dealing more with the facility side of things with regards to the McConnell center. The committee is working on a transition plan for the move. The budget is tight for the fit out for the Recreation and Senior areas stated Gary Bannon.

**C. McConnell Center Project Update** - Gary Bannon stated that things are moving along. The plans for the Recreation and Senior areas have been signed off. The stage will be cut back to be flush with the wall and will remain available as a stage. The gym will not be air conditioned but the rest of the building will be. The tenant group is hiring a grant writer to start working on applying for grant money. Gary handed out the latest schematic plans for the recreation and senior areas.

**D. By Law Review** – Bob Carrier and Rich Thorpe stated they will be finalizing the by-laws.

**E. Hancock Park Project** – Gary Bannon stated that they will be doing the landscaping in the Fall for this project. The playground equipment is currently out to bid.

**F. Football League Meeting** – The last meeting was postponed due to schedule conflicts. The president position of the Titans is currently up in the air.

**G. Shaw's Lane Building** – Gary Bannon handed out schematic plans for the building. Gary stated that he redid the schematic and sent it to Tim Little from Dover Soccer Association to look at. Board members stated that the concession area needs to be wider and maybe more storage areas, as well as better serving windows.

**H. Titans Football and Dover Youth Football Merger** – Royce Stegman stated that both organizations are under the American Youth Football umbrella now. Royce stated that he will be drafting a merger proposal and will be sending it to the Recreation Advisory Board for their guidance in this matter. Some board members stated their concerns on having the Titans still continuing to use the County Fields and Dover Youth Football still using the City of Dover Fields. There was also concern from the board that the minimum 75% Dover residents and the 25% Non-Resident ratio to be Recreation Affiliated needs to stay consistent with at the very least the Dover Youth Football side. Royce stated that his thought was to have one program which would be Dover Youth Football and under that title their would be two divisions – House League and Travel League, sort of the way Dover Soccer association currently runs their organization. Royce stated that for this coming 2006 season that the programs would still be separate. However on July 19<sup>th</sup>, the two organizations will be voting on the merger. The implementation of the merger would not take place until the 2007 season. The Recreation Advisory Board made a general consensus to conditionally accept the concept of the merger between Seacoast Titans and Dover Youth Football. The general consensus of the board is contingent on the submittal of a written proposal to the board.

**I. Dover Little Green** – Royce Stegman stated that he heard that Dover Little Green will be adding a Grade 5 + 6 division to their organization this year. Rich Thorpe stated he would get in touch with Dover Little Green to find out what the update is.

**VI. New Business** – The board decided to have a monthly meeting in July and in August this year. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 10, 2006.

**VII. Adjourn** – Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Towle seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson