

Dover Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
July 10, 2006

- I. **Call To Order:** Richard Thorpe called the **meeting to order at 7:06 PM.**
Present: Gary Bannon, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta, Pete Michel, John Sibik, Jonathan Towle, Royce Stegman, Pete McKenney. **Others in Attendance:** Kent Cassidy from Dover Soccer Association and Bruce Thorner from Dover Youth Softball League.
Absent: Bob Carrier, Suzanne Meadows, Bob Keays (City Council Rep)
- II. **Approval Of Minutes for June 12, 2006:** Peter McKenney made a motion to accept the June 2006 minutes. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- III. **Advisory Reports:** Rich Thorpe stated that he was unable to get a hold of anyone from the Dover Little Green board regarding how their program is going. Rich stated that he continue to try to reach them.

Royce Stegman updated the Recreation Advisory Board on the possible merger of Dover Youth Football and the Seacoast Titans. Royce stated that he met with an attorney and is trying to find out what it legally means to merge and how that will effect the programs. The two boards will meet on Tuesday, July 11 and will be looking at both sets of by-laws, and also using what Royce sent to the Recreation Advisory Board Members.

Rich Thorpe stated that Bob Carrier should be getting the Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws out to all the members within the next two weeks.

Gary Bannon - Recreation Director Report: Gary Bannon spoke on several topics during his report.

Summer Programming: Gary stated that the staffing for the summer programs is very good. The programs themselves have to keep a close watch their budgets because of level funding. The Camp Sun N Fun program is not offering bus pick-ups/drop-offs around town this year and is now in a Special Revenue Fund so that program is self supporting.

Fourth of July Fireworks: The fireworks from Garrison Hill Park went smoothly. Gary stated that Wentworth Douglass Hospital and their security staff really do a lot to help the spectators at the fireworks. They even go as far as getting a port-a-potty for their parking lot since the lot gets filled with people watching the fireworks being shot off at Garrison Hill.

Hancock Park: Hancock Park is now under construction. Gary Bannon will be meeting with PSNH on Thursday 7/13 to get the electric for the park project pinned down. John Towle is laying out the project area. Gary stated that the Playground bids came

in ok and they will be deciding on a company by Wednesday 7/12/06. The basketball hoops are in and the Picnic shelters are out to bid. The total project is still slated to be completed by the end of Fall 2006.

McConnell Center: Gary Bannon spoke on the sale of the Senior Center and the cost of outfitting the new Senior Area at the McConnell center. Gary stated that there is a budget of approximately \$250,000 to outfit the Senior Area at the McConnell center. Also, some of the recreation money is coming from the Butterfield Gym CIP. Gary Bannon asked if some members of the Recreation Advisory Board could come to the City Council meeting on Wednesday night 7/12/06 to speak on behalf of the Recreation Department with regards to the Butterfield CIP be used for the McConnell project. Rich Thorpe stated that he will try to make the City Council meeting on the 12th.

Shaw's Lane Building: Gary Bannon handed out the updated schematic drawing on the building. Tim Little has been doing the drawings. There is approximately \$124,000 in the Recreation CIP Budget for this project. The money has come from the original appropriation from the Sand and Gravel revenues. Gary stated that he feels that the money can be used for the shell of the building and the bathrooms. Kent Cassidy from Dover Youth Soccer and Bruce Thorner from Dover Youth Softball were both present at the meeting. The Dover Youth Softball League currently has \$4,500 in their Special Revenue Account and Dover Soccer Association has over \$15,000 in their Special Revenue Account. Gary Bannon stated that the Dover Community Services department will hopefully do the site work for the new building. Rich Thorpe asked where do we go next? Gary Bannon stated that the next step is for him to get in touch with the City's Purchasing Agent to see if some of the job can be bid out. Gary stated that the specs for materials will be sent out next week. Gary is hoping for a late Fall 2006 starting time for construction of the building.

Kent Cassidy for Dover Soccer Association stated that he will ask Wayne Coolidge to look at the schematic to give us a ball park figure of what a building like this may cost.

Gary Bannon would like input from the Recreation Advisory Board on what we think of the schematic plans by next week.

- IV. **Adjourn:** Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Hyson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.