



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: Monday, January 8, 2007
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

I. Call to Order: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, Pete Michel, John Towle, Royce Stegman, and Robert Keays (City Council Rep.)

Absent: Joe Tenuta and Pete McKenney

III. Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2006 - Pete Michel made a motion to accept the minutes of December 11, 2006. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Citizen's Forum – Mr. Ronan O'Doherty from Dover Little League was present at the meeting. Bob Carrier stated that he had previously gone to a Dover Little League meeting and stated to their organization that he wanted them to know that that both Dover Little League and Dover Baseball are on the same page and that they may try some inter-league play this coming year. Robert Keays asked if Dover Little League has eight year old players playing with 12 year old players. Mr. O'Doherty stated that they are affiliated with National Little League organization and that the league is predominately for 9-12 year olds. However, Mr. O'Doherty went on to state that they take each eight year old player request on a case by case basis and the safety of the child comes first. Mr. O'Doherty stated that they do not take eight year old players as a general rule and there are very few that play in the league. Mr. O'Doherty also stated that Dover Little League will now encompass the towns of Madbury and Durham since there is no Little League programs in those towns.

V. Reports

A. Advisory Board – Rich Thorpe stated that he has heard a lot of positive feedback from residents on the McConnell project. Rich stated that the people he spoke with really like the Recreation areas.

Bob Keays stated that he had received a call from Mrs. Butterfield and she was wondering what will happen to the name of the Butterfield Gym. Gary Bannon stated that the sign will have to come down and that the Children's Museum will be under another name other than Portsmouth Children's Museum but that there would be another sign to designate the Butterfield Building.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon – Gary stated that the tentative dates for Spring Sports Registration will be February 5 + 7 and March 5 + 7 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM as well as February 10th and March 10th from 9 AM – 12 Noon. The location for the registration days is tentatively set for the McConnell Center Cafeteria, however this



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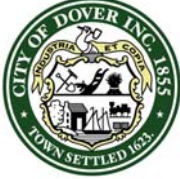
could change to the Dover High School Cafeteria. Notices will be sent out to the schools.

Gary stated that the League Presidents meeting is set for Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7 PM at the McConnell Center. Gary stated that the Advisory Board would need to have the checklist ready of what the leagues will need to provide to the board, so that it can be included with Gary's letter to the league presidents. Royce Stegman and Pete Michel stated they would work together on getting the checklist completed. Gary stated that the seniors really like the new Senior Center areas at the McConnell Center. He stated that they said they are working with the current parking and accessibility. Gary stated that the old Senior Center is being cleaned out and the real estate closing will be finalized in March.

Gary stated that the Shaw's Lane Building is in the CIP projects. The amount of \$190,000 was asked to be bonded.

VI. Old Business

- A. McConnell Center Transition-** Gary stated that the Recreation Department staff is working hard on the transition of the programs. He stated there have been no problems to date with the classes or any customers. Gary stated that the Recreation Department, the Senior Center, the Teen Center/Police Outreach and the Dover Adult Learning Center are all in place now at the McConnell Center. Gary went on to state that Pete's Place, the Dover Children's Center, and The Hub areas at the McConnell Center are now under construction. Gary stated that his number one priority right now is security. A computer monitor was stolen from the Recreation Area as the Recreation Department was moving in. Gary is currently applying for grants for security items. He has an initial quote for \$43,000 from Burns Security. Currently there is no money in the budget for security items. Gary also stated that there will be a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for the McConnell Center in February and an Open House sometime in the spring.
- B. Hancock Park Project** – All structures are in. The next item is lighting. The final landscaping will be done in the Spring.
- C. By-Laws** - The updated by-laws were handed out and Mark Hyson made a motion to accept the updated by-laws. Pete Michel seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
- D. Plans for Goal Setting** – This was tabled to the next meeting. Pete Michel gave a mission statement that Mark Hyson will e-mail out to the Recreation Advisory Board.



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VII. New Business

A. Election of Officers – Royce Stegman nominated Bob Carrier for President. Bob accepted the nomination and the vote was unanimous. Bob Carrier nominated Rich Thorpe for Vice Chairman. Rich accepted the nomination and the vote was unanimous. Pete Michel nominated Mark Hyson as Secretary. Mark accepted the nomination and the vote was unanimous.

B. Heyliger Awards Banquet – Bob Carrier stated there will be a meeting regarding the Heyliger Awards on January 22, 2007 at the McConnell Center. Bob Carrier and Rich Thorpe will be getting all the stuff out to the Recreation Advisory Board members by Monday, January 15, 2007 for solicitation purposes. The banquet is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Cottage-By-The-Bay.

VIV. Adjourn – Pete Michel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Towle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson