



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, March 12, 2007  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

**I. Call to Order:** Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

**II. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta, John Towle, Pete McKenney and Robert Keays (City Council Rep.)

**Absent:** Pete Michel

**III. Approval of Minutes for February 12, 2007** - Rich Thorpe stated that in the February 12, 2007 minutes regarding the locker rooms in the McConnell Building Rich stated that he was speaking about housekeeping issues and not ventilation. Joe Tenuta made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2007. Pete McKenney seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**IV. Citizen's Forum** – Stephanie a graduate student from UNH attended the meeting tonight. Also, Tim Little from Dover Soccer Association was present and gave a report on the progress on the Shaw's Lane Concession Stand building. Tim stated to expedite paperwork he took the site plan to the City of Dover Building Inspector, Tom Clark. Tim stated we should be getting the building permit very soon. Tim stated that the electrical and plumbing work will need to be contracted out separately from what the City will do. The Dover Soccer Association and the Dover Youth Softball League will need to get together on how to outfit the inside of the concession area. The Recreation Advisory Board thanked Tim for all his hard work on this project.

**V. Reports**

**Advisory Board** – Rich Thorpe stated that he attended the latest Little Green Board meeting. Rich stated that they appear to be handling all the required information that the Recreation Department is requesting for field usage. Rich stated that their account balance grew this year. The new head coach of the Dover Little Green is Dave Martinelli. There was some discussion in this meeting of investigating another league that Dover Little Green may join which is the Southern Maine Football League. Rich stated there were already a few NH teams involved with this league. Rich also stated that currently there are no talks regarding a possible merger with all three leagues, Dover Youth Football, the Seacoast Titans, and the Dover Little Green.

Mark Hyson stated that the Dover Youth Softball League is heading in the right direction. They are in the process of getting all their required components together for field usage. The league had a very well attended late Winter/early Spring clinic and the overall income is growing.



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Bob Carrier stated that he sat down with Kim Dugal-Hashem regarding cheerleading. Bob stated that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is not being allowed to cheer for Dover Little Green. There are strict guidelines on how many games cheerleaders need to log in every season. Bob Carrier told Kim to speak with Gary Bannon regarding the problem.

Bob Carrier stated that the Recreation Advisory Board needs two full-time and one alternate member. Charlotte DeJong and Kim Dugal-Hashem have applied. Rich Thorpe stated that he thought that Kathy Chalue may be applying as well.

Bob Carrier stated that he should know within the next 30 days on the fencing for Woodman Park Baseball Field. He stated that Dover Baseball is looking to have the fence up by opening day. Bob stated that Dover has been chosen to host the State District Baseball Tournament for the 13 year old division. The home base for this tournament will be at Woodman Park.

Bob Carrier stated that he wants to move forward on signage for all the parks. Bob wants all the Advisory Board members to look at the signs at other parks and wants to come up with a template for all the parks in Dover.

**Recreation Director, Gary Bannon** – Gary stated that the Spring Registrations have gone very well.

Gary stated there was some vandalism in the McConnell Center on this past weekend; Gary is taking care of the situation.

Gary stated that the ribbon cutting of the McConnell Center was very well attended. Gary stated that the restaurant that is going in the cafeteria is getting final quotes and will start construction soon. Gary also stated that the building is at 90% capacity with the organizations that have signed on to be at the McConnell Center. The HUB, Easter Seals, and Pete's Place is opening now and the Dover Children's Center will open in May. Gary stated that the Children's Center needs and outside play space and that space is where the old church is presently. There is some historical information that needs to be sorted out first before the church can be taken down.

Gary stated that the Senior Programs are going very well and the attendance numbers are up. The seniors are enjoying the new Senior Center and they are using the rooms to their maximum potential. The Recreation Department has an intern that is working on a senior fitness program.



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Gary also stated that the City of Dover is receiving a grant from Centric Bank for \$2,000 which will go towards the outside signage of the McConnell Center building.

The Recreation budget is into the City Manager. Gary stated that he has met with the City Manager on this budget once.

### VI. Old Business

- A. Awards Program Review** – Gary Bannon and Bob Carrier thanked the Advisory Board for working hard on the Heyliger Awards Banquet. Gary handed out the awards program budget.
- B. League Presidents Meeting Preparations** – The League Presidents meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the McConnell Center Cafeteria. Gary stated that he would like as many Recreation Advisory Board members to attend as they can.

### VII. New Business

- A. Shaws Lane Building Process** – *See Citizen's Forum*

**VIII. Adjourn** – Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson