



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, July 9, 2007  
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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

### **II. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta, Gregg Nesman, Kim Hashem-Dugal, John Towle, and Pete McKenney.

**Absent:** Pete Michel, Royce Stegman, and Robert Keays (City Council Rep.)

**III. Approval of Minutes:** The approval of the May 2007 minutes has been tabled to the August 2007 meeting. Since there was no meeting in June of 2007 there were no minutes to be approved for June

**IV. Citizen's Forum** – Bruce Thorner, President of Dover Youth Softball spoke with the Advisory Board regarding a letter from Jim Albion who is interested in working with Dover Youth Softball and Dover Soccer Association on outfitting the concession stand. Mr. Albion's company is ZMJ Advertising and Marketing in Dover. Mr. Albion stated to Bruce Thorner that he would want his business name associated with this concession stand. He stated he would work with DSA, DYSL and the Recreation Advisory Board to get his name put on the building with some type of plaque.

Gary Bannon stated that advertising does not need to be approved by the City Council however naming a building would need council approval. Mark Hyson stated that the Shaw's Lane Fields have yet to be named. Gary Bannon stated that they would be named once the concession stand gets built.

### **V. Reports**

**Advisory Board** – Rich Thorpe stated that he is in the process of trying to get all the youth football organizations together for a meeting. Rich stated that he thinks e-mail will be the best way to get the conversation and the dialogue going.

Kim Hashem-Dugal stated that Dover Little Green Cheerleading and Dover Little Green Football have separate websites now. Dover Little Green Cheerleading wants to make sure they have the correct information on the Dover Recreation website. Kim also stated that that Dover Little Green Football is still looking for a Grade 5 + 6 coach. Any one that is interested should contact Dave Martinelli.

Bob Carrier stated that an outside company was hired to get all the city sport fields up to the status where they should be. The company, Sport Fields is out of Wayne, Maine. The first field to be done is Woodman Park.



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Rich Thorpe will send out an e-mail on current liaisons for sport leagues.

**Recreation Director, Gary Bannon** – Gary stated that the summer programs are entering their third week, and things are going well. Gary stated that attendance is good. He stated that he had a regular amount of turn-over with staff however he had fewer applicants for summer staffing.

Gary stated that Atlas was the fireworks company for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year. The rain came but left quickly and the fireworks show went off as scheduled. Gary stated that the vendors did not do as well due to the weather. The advisory board was concerned about how the public is notified if the fireworks are going to be cancelled or postponed. Gary stated that it is put on the radio at several stations. The board suggested that Gary look into a way to get something put on the website and/or the local TV channel 22. Gary stated that since it is a holiday it is tough to get the people that do this updating to update the information the day of the event but will look into possibilities.

Gary mentioned that there is a Dover Youth Football meeting scheduled for July 16. Gary stated he will attend. Some items on the agenda are coaches training and concession stand.

Gary stated that the money for the Shaw's Lane concession stand would not be available until July 1 and that the finance department would not assign the account number until then. The bid for the building will go out in mid August.

Gary stated that there were minimal operational changes in the budget. The budget is level for operating but money was transferred for the McConnell building which makes the budget appear to have an increase.

The quote from the Vermont Tennis Company is in. Gary stated the Woodman Park Tennis Courts will be a total rebuild and the basketball court will be recoated and it will be completed this Fall.

Gary stated that the Dover Youth Football mobile concession stand was approved by the School Department.

Gary stated that the Hancock Park parking spaces are being paved this week. The fencing will be finalized by 125 Fence Company. The turf grass at Hancock Park did not take well and will be evaluated to see if it will have to be redone. There will be a few more trees being planted.



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**VI. New Business** – The McConnell Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, July 30 at 7:00 PM in the McConnell Meeting Room.

The Children’s Museum of NH will need to get into the Indoor Pool locker rooms and bath rooms to look at the structural status of the ceilings and the columns.

Rich Thorpe stated he will get in contact with the Butterfield Family to see about what their thoughts are on naming the gym in the McConnell Center as the Butterfield Gym. The Advisory Board gave their blessing to do this as well as to get in contact with the Mayor to get his thoughts.

Kim Hashem-Dugal asked what the procedure is to get the approval to use money out of the Special Revenue Fund for Dover Little Green Cheerleading. Kim would like to use this money for new uniforms since Dover Little Green Cheerleading doesn’t have any need for capital plans, their uniforms are really their only capital expense. Gary Bannon asked Kim to get the information to him and he will see what he can do.

**VII. Adjourn** – Bob Carrier mad a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson