



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

- I. Call to Order: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM
- II. Roll Call: In attendance: Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, Pete McKenney, Joe Tenuta, John Towle, Greg Nesman
- Absent: Pete Michel, Royce Stegman, Kim Hashem-Dugal, Robert Keays (City Council Representative)
- III. Approval of Minutes: Joe Tenuta made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 20th, 2007 meeting. Pete McKenney seconded the motion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- IV. Citizen's Forum: Mike Paratto, Tim Paiva, and Jeff Wensman from the Seacoast Swimming Association was present at tonight's meeting. They asked the board how the construction on the Dover Indoor Pool will affect SSA. Gary Bannon stated that the pool locker Rooms is where a lot of the work will be done, thus the pool itself cannot be open unless locker rooms are provided with hot water shower facilities is available for the swimmers and patrons of the pool. Gary stated that this does not just effect SSA, it effects all the patrons that use the pool.
- A fire rated ceiling is being installed over the pool locker rooms. Gary Bannon went on to state that there is structural work that needs to be done on the Butterfield Gym Building including the pool locker rooms. Gary stated that the building had been evaluated by engineers that determined it needed to be reinforced against settling. The City is responsible for giving to the Children's Museum a building in sound condition. Gary Bannon stated that the work should take between 4 – 6 weeks to complete. Horne Construction is the company that won the bid on the project for the foundation work. Hutter Construction is the Childrens Museum contractor. The City Manager is working with the construction company to move the project along.
- The pool will not be able to be open for use unless some type of temporary showers with hot water is installed. Gary stated he was looking into options for this, possibly something being constructed on the pool deck or other areas. Gary stated he would look into the state laws and also speaks with the City's Building Inspector and



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Plumbing Inspector to see what options we have in creating a temporary solution.

V. Reports:

Advisory Board: Pete McKenney stated that Dave Martinelli from Dover Little Green would like to come before the board at the next meeting to talk about Dover Little Green Football. Bob Carrier stated that this would be fine.

Mark Hyson stated that the Dover Youth Softball League was going to be digging the conduit ditch for the scoreboard at Shaw's Lane on Sunday, September 22. Gary Bannon suggested that DYSL coordinate this work with Dave Trudell from Community Services.

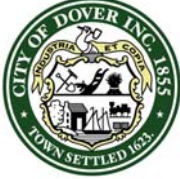
Recreation Dir. Gary Bannon stated that Kim Hashem-Dugal will be resigning from the board.

Gary stated that the Day of Caring will be held on 9/12/07. This is where approximately 30 volunteers come in to help out and do certain projects each year. This year the volunteers will be repainting the main hallways and conference rooms with semi-gloss paint.

Gary stated that he was asked to be a presenter at a non-profit Conference on October 3rd and 4th. He will be presenting information regarding the development of the McConnell Center at a conference in New York City.

Gary stated that he met members of Dover Little Green and Dover Youth Football separately. Everyone decided that it would be a good idea to have a meeting with some representatives from both organizations, some Recreation Advisory Board members and Ken Osborn, DHS Varsity Football Coach. The meeting will be on ways the programs can work together and also how to streamline youth football in Dover.

Gary stated that the McConnell Advisory Committee and the Dover City Council will need to approve naming the gym at the McConnell Center the Butterfield Gym at McConnell Center.



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Gary stated that Apple Harvest Day will be on Saturday, 10/6/07 this year and he asked for help from the Advisory Board to work the booth. This year Gary wants to give information on recreation programs and park projects as well as information on the McConnell Center, to people who stop by the booth. Rich Thorpe stated he would work out a schedule for Advisory Board members to help out on this day.

Gary stated he is working with the chairperson of the Dover Waterfront project. Gary envisions recreation activities on the river such as: competitive rowing, canoeing, and kayaking. Gary is in the preliminary stages of developing this concept and will bring the board further details.

Gary stated that the Fall/Winter/Spring Recreation Brochure should be in the mail to the public this week.

VI. Old Business:

Shaw's Lane Concession Building: Gary stated that the Dover Community Services Department just doesn't have the personnel to start working on the site work. The City approved using John Towle to complete the site work for this project. The site work needs to get done first before Pellowe Construction can start their part.

John Towle stated he would like to talk about Shaw's Lane and the current dog waste problem at the next meeting. John stated the problem is getting worse and asked if there is something that can be done. This will be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

Gary Bannon stated that the Woodman Park Tennis Court Project is on the CIP agenda for Wednesday, 9/12/07.

Gary Bannon thanked all the Recreation Advisory Board members who came to the ribbon cutting of Hancock Park. The event was a huge success.

Rich Thorpe stated that he has been working via e-mail with the Recreation Advisory Board members on having the members being assigned as liaisons to each league in Dover and also the



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Community Parks. Rich thanked everyone for their responses and that he will finalize this list by the October meeting.

VII. New Business:

Bob Carrier asked if anyone had take a look at Park signage to see what they liked or didn't like so that the board at the October meeting could come up with one type of design that the Recreation Department could use on all the park signs in Dover. Once the board decides on the one type of sign, Bob would like to start working on getting the signs made and installed. The Hancock Park sign would be the first in the series to be developed and implemented. The board agreed that they liked the Willand Pond Sign. This project will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Bob Carrier also stated that the October meeting agenda will also include discussion on the Heyliger Awards Banquet.

Pete McKenney made a motion to table the discussion of the Heyliger Awards to the October Meeting. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bob Carrier stated that he has been working with people from the McConnell Center Art Adventures Tile Project. This group has a grant from the State Council of the Arts to have artistic tiles put up on the walls of the McConnell Center. This group is in the process of trying to get groups to purchase tiles at \$15 a piece and have someone in these groups paint or draw on the tiles and then the tiles would be glazed and hung in areas around the McConnell Center. Bob was going to be asking the leagues in Dover to possibly purchase 6 – 10 tiles per league and to have them design the tiles and then these could be hung in the McConnell Center as artistic decorations representing the different sport leagues in Dover. There is already a sample of these artistic tiles in the McConnell Center.

VIII. Adjourn:

Bob Carrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hyson