



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

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CALL TO ORDER: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

ROLL CALL:

In attendance: Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Mark Hyson, John Towle, Greg Nesman, and Peter McKenney.

Absent: Joe Tenuta, and Robert Keays (City Council Liaison)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bob Carrier stated that he would like to amend the minutes of October 8, 2007. Bob stated that the wording on the player fee should read as the following: All Leagues will need to pay the \$5 player fee for all rostered players including those on scholarship. Peter McKenney made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITIZENS FORUM: There was no Citizens Forum this evening.

REPORTS:

A: ADVISORY BOARD: Rich Thorpe stated that Dover Youth Football ended last weekend and Dover Little Green Football will finish up on November 19, 2007.

Gary Bannon stated that Pete Michel resigned from the Board. Rich Thorpe stated that he would like to see any openings on the Board be put on Channel 22 on the news board. Rich stated he would send this information to the City Clerk's Office and he will also check the status on Gregg Nesman as a regular board member.

Rich Thorpe stated that kids are getting chased off of football fields for playing pick-up games. Rich asked, where do they go to just play pick-up football? Gary Bannon stated that areas like Longhill Park, Maglaras Park, Henry Law and Morningside Park are areas where they could play as long as an organization has not booked one of these areas. Gary also stated that there are some fields that these youths should not play on fields like Woodman Park or Shaw's Lane where it is a regular field.

Mark Hyson suggested that all City parks and playgrounds should be put into the Recreation Brochure every season as well as putting it on Channel 22 so that everyone knows where these parks are and what these parks offer to the citizens of Dover.

B: Recreation Director: Gary stated that the nonprofit meeting for organizations went very well. Gary stated that it was heavily attended and a lot of good information was provided to the organizations that attended on what should be done legally and ethically in filing a nonprofit status with the state and the federal government. The speaker was from the NH Attorney General's Office. Gary also stated that this person would come and meet with the Recreation Advisory Board for the board members to facilitate a checklist for organizations. Gary also stated that the School Department may be setting up separate classes for the Booster Clubs. This speaker will come back to do another workshop on how to fill out the proper paperwork and how to file with the Federal Government if requested; Gary stated that the McConnell/Library parking lot will be repaved on November 12 and striped shortly after.

Gary stated that the Reveal program that was held at the McConnell Center finished up yesterday and there were approximately 450 people in attendance.



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There will be a meeting of the Dover Football organizations on November 19 at 7 PM at the McConnell Center. The two organizations are Dover Little Green and Dover Youth Football.

The City is starting to work on updates to the City Master Plan. Gary stated that the Recreation Advisory Board will want to be involved in the Recreation part of this plan.

Bob Carrier stated that he felt that the \$5 player fee that is paid by the Basketball programs should go back into the Recreation Basketball programs themselves. Bob stated that one thing he would like to see be purchased is a defibulator that is housed at the Butterfield Gym in the McConnell Center.

Gary Bannon stated that the results of the vote on the Tax Cap will create some pressure on the Recreation Department will do the best they can with what they have. Gary stated that the Recreation Department and the Library have been mentioned as areas where cuts will be made if necessary. There are very few programs left in the General Fund budget but these would be looked at first. The budget timeline will be sent to Gary soon. The City Manager has expressed that he does not want to cut Capital Expenditures.

Gary stated that the Indoor Pool is open with limited bathrooms and changing areas due to the construction. Gary stated that everyone is working together to keep the indoor pool running as smoothly as possible. The floor joists under the gym floor in the locker rooms need to be reinforced and Hutter Construction is the company who is heading up this project. Horne Construction is the company who is in charge of the foundation work. There are three columns in the Women's Locker-room that need to be fixed. The engineers and Horne construction are still working out the agreement on how the projects will proceed. Foster's Daily Democrat has approved the use of their parking lot on Henry Law Ave. for patrons of the Indoor Pool, due to the construction.

OLD BUSINESS: SHAW'S LANE BUILDING PROGRESS – The walls and roof are up and some windows are in. The goal is to get the entire exterior finished up before snow flies.

Woodman Park Tennis Courts: This project is moving along and will be completed before winter. The elevation of the courts has changed and now that the grades are established, Gary and the engineers are talking about other areas that need grading, such as the parking lot area and on the side street that runs parallel to Silver Street. There will also be a 1" coat of asphalt put down on the outdoor Basketball Court.

Park Sign Ideas: Gary handed out pictures of signs for the board to pick one as the template for all the City Park Signs. The board chose the Willand Pond Sign with steel posts and with a poly sleeve that is green instead of the granite posts.

Award Program Discussion: Bob Carrier posed several questions to the board on the Heyliger Award Program. The questions were as follows: Do we have the program every year or every other year? Do we change the venue? Do we change the awards? Do we go out and solicit like we have in the past or do we try something different? Rich Thorpe made a motion that the Heyliger Awards will stay as the same style as it has in the past and will be held at Cottage-by-the-Bay and to give more time for fund-raising that the program be moved to March 27th. Mark Hyson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Mark Hyson stated that he would like to see the Board work towards getting a few large sponsors to sponsor this event annually.

Liaison rules and Objectives: Tabled to December 10, 2007 meeting.



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NEW BUSINESS: Gary Bannon stated that Dover Little Green Cheerleading may be in transition since Kim Hashem-Dugal has resigned. The group started out good this season but there were problems with the program this past season that Kim has tried to rectify. There was a parent meeting held and it was decided that the program would end early after the December competition. Kim is looking for someone to pick-up the program. Rich Thorpe stated that he would contact Kim to see how things are and what the organization needs.

Shaw's Lane Dog Access: John Towle stated he would contact the Dog Officer to see if she knows what other towns do. It was stated that Roger Allen Park in Rochester does not allow any dogs.

Christmas tree Lighting: Scheduled for December 1st.

Adjourn: Bob Carrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter McKenney seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hyson