

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
April 11, 2005

I. Call To Order: Ed Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Gary Bannon, Ed Murphy, Bob Carrier, John Sibik, Rich Thorpe, Chuck Maglaras, Mark Hyson, and Bob Keays – City Council Liaison.

Absent: Mikel Myers, Pete Michel, Joe Tenuta and Gil Hartman

II. Approval of Minutes: Gary Bannon explained to the board that a lot of programs are being moved from the General Fund Budget to the Special Revenue Fund. Gary stated that this explanation would be reflected in the January 10, 2005 minutes where the highlighted area was. Chuck Maglaras made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting, with the explanation from Gary put into the minutes in place of the highlighted area. Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. There was no meeting and no minutes for the month of February due to the Heyliger Awards Banquet.

III. Citizens Forum: Katherine Pileski and Melissa Gefteas attended the meeting. They are Recreation, Management and Policy majors at the University of New Hampshire and they are required to attend a Recreation Advisory Board meeting for one of their classes.

IV. Reports:

Advisory Board: Chuck Maglaras stated that the Maglaras Park Parking Lot area looks like a dumpsite. Chuck asked if Gary Bannon to check into getting the area cleaned up.

There was an issue with Dover Little League wanting to use part of Maglaras Park for Practice and at first they were denied. However, Donna Torressen had Bob Carrier speak with Steve Towne to work out a schedule to share the fields.

Bob Carrier also stated that the scoreboards at Sullivan Drive and Woodman Park School are up and should be powered up very shortly.

Bob Carrier went on to state that the Batting Cages are ordered and Dover Baseball is waiting for them to come in, which should be within the week. The proposed area for the Sullivan Drive field is along the right field fence. The area for the Woodman Park Field is along the left field line. Bob also stated that Dover Baseball is working on getting bleachers for both Sullivan and Woodman. Bob stated that Dover Baseball would ask that the green metal storage shed that is currently at the Woodman Park Field be removed.

Ed Murphy stated that Mikel Myers has submitted his resignation from the board. Ed stated that Pete Michel would move up and that the board would need another alternate member.

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Bob Carrier stated that he had heard that the coach who was removed from the Dover Little Green coaching staff last year is still going to be helping coach the football team. Gary and Ed stated that they would check with Gil Hartman on this issue.

Ed Murphy stated that the Woodman Park Tennis Courts are in very rough shape. Ed stated that they had very significant cracks appearing on the court. Gary stated that approximately 10 years ago they were totally redone, and 5 years ago they were recoated. Gary stated that he would speak with Paul Chalue and ask him get in touch with Vermont Tennis to get a price to repair the problems.

Ed Murphy stated that the middle area of the Shaw's Lane Field complex is like a pond. Gary stated that the drainage issue is still going to be addressed this spring. Gary also stated that he would look into put in a walkway from the upper soccer fields to the lower fields.

The board voted unanimously that there would be not Recreation Advisory Board meetings during the months of July and August, unless there were important issues that needed to be discussed.

Recreation Superintendent:

Programs: Gary Bannon stated that the Indoor Soccer program is going well. The program is only using one gym.

Gary also stated that the Basketball programs are winding down, and he commended Krista Feeley for doing a good job on the programs this year.

Gary went on to state that the Indoor Pool swim lessons for Winter and Spring are full. He also commended the aquatic staff on a job well done.

Gary is in the process of recruiting staff for the summer.

Gary stated that there was a cost analysis of programs moving from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund.

The summer brochure is at the printer and should be delivered to households on Friday. Gary thanked Lydia Williams for developing the brochure.

V. Old Business: Gary stated that the Indoor Pool project is almost completed. Gary stated he is pleased with the outcome of the project.

Gary stated that the Butterfield Gym, Front Door project needs to be flashed in. Gary has not paid the company as of yet.

Gary stated that the basement of Butterfield Gym project is in beginning of the design bid stage. He stated that he going out for bid designs and the designer will have four months to design the project.

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Hopefully construction project will be awarded in August to the contractor and work will start in the Fall. The CS Dept. will be doing some borings in the floor to see what is underneath.

The Hancock Park design has been awarded to a company out of Portsmouth. The goal is Finalize the design and put the package out to bid sometime in July 2005.

Gary stated that the Maglaras Park Master Plan project has gone out to bid for the design. Gary stated that the Recreation Advisory Board has been designated to act as a Citizen Board to assist in the project. Gary will let the board know when there will be a meeting regarding this project.

VI. New Business: The board talked about fundraising efforts. Events that were discussed were at Texas Hold' Em Tournament, a Mini-Golf Tournament, and a Walk-A-Thon/Barbecue

Bob Carrier spoke regarding park signage. The board is looking into getting new and consistent park signs for all City parks. The board talked about having the signs being maintenance free. Gary Bannon stated that he would get in touch with a sign company.

Bob Carrier stated that Dover Baseball is doing Criminal Records checks on all coaches.

Ed Murphy spoke on the Adopt-A-Spot schedule. Ed stated that the Recreation Advisory Board spot out side the Butterfield Gym entrance should be completed by Memorial Day. Ed would like the board to meet outside at the area before the next meeting to look at the Site.

Gary Bannon stated that the Dover Youth Softball League would like to use their Special Revenue Fund money for scoreboards and bleachers. Gary stated that the city needs to still needs to put in power for a proposed concession stand. Also Gary stated that he would like to put the Shaw's Lane Dedication on the next month's agenda.

VII. Adjourn: Bob Carrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting . Richard Thorpe seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully Sumbmitted,

Mark Hyson