

**DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 9, 2005**

**I. Call To Order:** Ed Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Present:** Gary Bannon, Ed Murphy, Bob Carrier, Chuck Maglaras, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta, and Kenneth D. Costello with Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.

**Absent:** Pete Michel, John Sibik, Rich Thorpe, Gil Hartman, and Bob Keays – City Council Liaison

**II. Maglaras Park Master Plan Discussion:** The agenda of the Recreation Advisory Board meeting was changed so that Consultant Kenneth Costello with Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. could make a presentation to the board. The Recreation Advisory Board will serve as a sounding board for this project. Kenneth Costello stated that a Programming and Need Assessment needs to be done first. There will be a public meeting regarding this project on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 7 PM. The project will be done in phases. There will be several public meetings to find out what the public wants. This consultant company has done a similar plan for the City of Manchester.

**III. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2005:** Chuck Maglaras made a motion to accept the April 11, 2005 Minutes. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Citizens Forum:** There was no Citizen's Forum this evening.

**IV. Reports:**

**Advisory Board:** Joe Tenuta asked what the possibility of getting synthetic turf for the goal areas at the Shaw's Lane Soccer Fields. Gary Bannon stated that is doable however, it is very difficult to get a smooth transition from the field to the synthetic turf.

Mark Hyson asked about the condition of the fields in town and whose jurisdiction it is to maintain the fields. Mark stated that he is worried that we keep building field spaces that are desperately needed however there is an appearance that there needs to be more discussion on who is going to do the continued maintenance on the fields. Mark stated that Shaw's Lane fields were built and now they are declining in their condition. Gary Bannon stated that the city is supposed to be fixing the drainage area for the Soccer Fields at Shaw's Lane. Gary Bannon stated that he would speak with Doug Steele and Mick Construction to start working on the problem

Gary Bannon stated that 10 % of the gravel money is supposed to be used for field maintenance.

Bob Carrier stated that Dover Baseball is up and running and things are going well.

Ed Murphy stated that John Sibik asked to bring up the situation with a coach for Dover Baseball who had previous issues with Little Green Football. The board discussed the situation. The board is going to be working on a City Code of Conduct for Sports in Dover. The mission of this code of conduct is for all the youth leagues to buy into this concept and possibly this can be implemented in the Fall of 2005.

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**Recreation Superintendent:** Gary Bannon stated that Paul Chalue's office received a quote of \$4,200 to get the cracks sealed and the tennis courts at Woodman Park resurfaced.

Gary Bannon stated that the Hancock Park project is in the consultant phase. There will be a neighborhood meeting with the consultant and the project will soon be ready for design specification.

Gary stated that the hiring of summer staff is going well.

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool will be ready for swim teams to use in 1 – 2 weeks.

Gary stated that on May 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a budget presentation to the City Council.

**V. Old Business:** Gary Bannon stated that the McConnell Center is going to be having the asbestos removed starting the beginning of June 2005.

The Advisory Board decided that they will work on their Adopt-A-Spot, outside of the Butterfield Gym Entrance on Saturday 5/21/05 at 8 AM with a rain date of 5/22/05.

**VI. New Business:** The Recreation Advisory Board discussed several fundraiser ideas. The board discussed a Road Race and a Miniature Golf Tournament. Ed Murphy stated that he would go to see the management at the Hilltop Fun Center to discuss this idea.

The Recreation Advisory Board needs to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding who to name the Shaw's Lane Fields. Gary Bannon stated that he would speak with Pete Lavoie regarding this item. Ed Murphy asked that this item be put on the June monthly agenda.

**VII. Adjourn:** Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting . Bob Carrier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Hyson