

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
August 15, 2005

I. Call To Order: Ed Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present: Gary Bannon, Ed Murphy, Bob Carrier, Gil Hartman, Pete Michel, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta, and Rich Thorpe. Brian Zabkar and Cliff Zabkar were present.

Absent: Chuck Maglaras, John Sibik, and Bob Keays – City Council Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes to approve this evening.

III. Citizen's Forum: Brian Zabkar.

IV. Reports – Advisory Board

Ed Murphy stated that he went before the Dover City Council at their last meeting and portrayed to them the thoughts of the Recreation Advisory Board regarding the McConnel Center.

Reports – At this time the board turned the meeting over to Gary Bannon. Gary Bannon wanted to talk about Brian Zabkar and his relationship with the Dover Little Green football program. Gary Bannon and this Brian met last week on Tuesday regarding Gary' concerns.

Gary Bannon asked Brian Zabkar to describe in his own words the incident that happened on November 8, 2004. Brian stated that he disagrees with the past Recreation Advisory Board minutes that stated there was an altercation in the parking lot. Brian stated that there was no altercation in the parking lot and that no one has asked him, his side of the story. He told the Advisory Board that in the JV game on this day, a Dover coach got kicked out of the game. Brian stated that he did not say anything to the officials during the game. Brian stated that after the game was over and when the team's were shaking hands that one of Brian's friends, whom happened to be one of the coaches for the Rochester team, said something to Brian. Brian stated something back to one of the other Rochester coaches. Brian stated that the coach from Rochester approached him and Brian stated that he acted defensively. Brian stated that when he coaches he wants kids to play at their level. He also stated that he takes the kids to the edge and then he holds kids back.

Brian stated that there was no police involvement. After the incident, Brian stated he addressed the Dover Little Green Board in an emergency meeting. Brian also stated that he was notified that he could not coach for Dover Little Green Football this season, two days before the season started. Brian stated however that he did know about a one game suspension one month ago.

Gary Bannon stated that he had a discussion with Gil Hartman, head Dover Little Green Football coach. Gary stated that Gil told him that Brian was all done. Gary took this to mean that Brian Zabkar will not coach again. Gary said that it wasn't evident until June that this issue was still up in the air and was then brought to the Recreation Advisory Board in July.

Rich Thorpe asked Brian Zabkar if he regretted anything. Brian stated that hind site is 20/20. Brian stated that he is passionate and aggressive. Pete Michel asked if anyone had actually tried to help him.

Cliff Zabkar, Brian's brother, spoke and stated that Brian is very passionate. Bob Carrier stated that Brian also coached baseball this year. Glen Wilson is a coach on of the baseball teams.

Ed Murphy asked Brian Zabkar if Dover Baseball talked to Brian about his behavior earlier. Brian stated that he has never received a penalty or thown out of a game.

Brian and Cliff left the meeting.

Peter Michel asked Gil can we save this coach. The board came up with the thought that Brian is to go through a training program for coaches that Gary Bannon, Pete Michel and Mark Hyson will help formulate and implement.

The board decided that Brian Zabkar will be suspended indefinitely from coaching any youth sport in in Dover. The Board voted unanimously to develop a small group of the Recreation Advisory Board to help Gary train Brian as a Youth Coach.

V. Adjourn

Bob Carrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Hyson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson