



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, December 10, 2007
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Rich Thorpe and Robert Keays (City Council Liaison)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joe Tenuta made a motion to accept the November 12, 2007 minutes. Greg Nesman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITIZENS FORUM: There was no Citizens Forum this evening.

REPORTS:

A. ADVISORY BOARD: John Towle asked Gary Bannon if people knew that the Grade 3 & 4 Basketball program had already started. John stated that people that he spoke with didn't know it had started. Gary Bannon stated that it was in the brochure and flyers were handed out through the schools as to when the start date was. The Lil' Shots program for Grades 1 & 2 is the one that starts in January.

Joe Tenuta stated that Dover Soccer Association had their yearly Board Elections and Joe stated that everyone stayed in their same board positions as they did last year. Joe also mentioned that people on Sullivan Drive would like to see about some type of speed bump be put in since the cars are speeding down that road. Gary Bannon stated he would look into it.

Mark Hyson handed out to the board the Dover Youth Softball wish list for what DYSL would like to accomplish on the Shaw's Lane Fields.

Bob Carrier asked if the Adopt-A-Spot program was still going on. He stated that he would like the board to choose a new spot due to the moving of the Recreation Department. Gary stated he would look into this and see what options are available.

John Towle spoke with the City's Animal Control Officer in town regarding the issue of dogs in the parks. The officer stated that she can't do anything until our board puts through a resolution regarding no dogs. Gary stated that he would look into getting a resolution developed that restricted dogs from being allowed on athletic fields and potentially other recreation areas.

B: Recreation Director: Gary stated that the Recreation budget is due January 1, 2008 to the City Manager. There is a 3% CPI increase possible in the general fund. There are also additional expenses added to the City side of the budget due to the staffing and equipping of the North End Fire Station. This all means that all City departments will most likely be level funded this year. Gary also mentioned that the Recreation Shuttle Bus will not pass inspection in March and Gary is shopping around for a used bus. Mark Hyson stated he would pull together some bus contacts for Gary to check out at the next meeting.



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Gary stated that Dickinson is moving forward on the building of a park along the waterfront. Gary is thinking about developing some type of active recreation center on the river. Gary has some private people that may be interested in helping fund this project. Since the waterfront project is underway, Gary stated that it is possible that the Skate Board Park would be moving to Maglaras in the future.

Gary stated that since the Woodman Park Gym is offline this winter, some of the programs have been moved to the Garrison Elementary Gym and things are working well. The registrations for the Grades 3 & 4 Basketball program are down from last year. This year Grade 3 and Grade 4 are separate programs.

Gary stated that Dover Little Green and Dover Youth Football have been discussing the possible merger of their programs. There have been some workshop meetings with representatives from both organizations. The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2007 at the McConnell Center at 7 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shaw's Lane Building Progress: The garage doors have not been put up yet, but will before the snow comes. The rough electrical and plumbing is being installed and the electrical panel will need to be turned around since it was installed facing the wrong way. Everyone agrees that the building looks great.

Woodman Park Tennis Courts: The Woodman Park Tennis Court project has been buttoned up for the winter and the final touches will be made in the spring. Gary met with Doug Steele from Community Services and around the side street adjacent to the tennis court there needs to be some work done on the drainage, curbing, catch basin work and re-grading. There will be a design done over the winter and this will need to be bid out.

Park Sign Ideas: Gary showed the board some sample of park signs from Kevin Goodwin. The board voted unanimously to go with signs for the parks that look similar to the Willand Pond sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Awards Program Planning: Bob Carrier handed out the preliminary brochure and Bob stated that he is still working on obtaining a large sponsor to underwrite the program. Bob stated that more information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Butterfield Gym Dedication: Gary Bannon stated that the City Council approved the dedication of the McConnell Center Gym to the Butterfield Gym at the McConnell Center. Gary stated that Ernie Clark stated he would help out planning the dedication. Gary stated he would work on this after the holidays.



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ADJOURN:

Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Carrier seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hyson