



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, February 11, 2008
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL:

In attendance: Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, John Towle, Greg Nesman, Brenda Smith, Mark Hyson and Emmy Blouin (Recreation Intern from UNH)

Absent: Joe Tenuta and Peter McKenney

Also in attendance were Erica Batstone and Kate Kerrick from the University of New Hampshire. Erica and Kate are both undergraduates in the Recreation, Management and Policy Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rich Thopre made a motion to accept the January 2008 minutes. Greg Nesman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITIZENS FORUM: Ronan O'Doherty, President of Dover Little League spoke before the Recreation Advisory Board this evening. Ronan stated that Bob Carrier had previously spoken with him to see if there was interest from Dover Little League to possibly merge organizations. Ronan stated that he brought this concept to the Dover Little League Board and at this time their decision was not to go any further on a possible merger. However, Ronan stated that Dover Little League would like to work together with Dover Baseball with possibly playing some games between the two organizations. Ronan stated that if any Recreation Advisory Board member had any questions those members of the Recreation Advisory Board could contact Ronan via telephone or e-mail.

REPORTS:

A: ADVISORY BOARD: Rich Thorpe handed out an e-mail letter from Matt Johnson regarding the Dover Skate Board Park. Gary Bannon stated that trash is a reoccurring problem at the park. Patrons are not putting the trash into the barrels.



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Gary stated he has one staff member that he sends down occasionally to maintain the area.

Rich Thorpe also handed out the Recreation Advisory Board Liaison areas of concern.

Bob Carrier state the Mr. Bloyce from the Dover Middle School is trying to put together a DMS baseball team. Bob Carrier is on this committee.

B: Recreation Director: Gary Bannon stated that the Recreation Department Budget will be submitted as level funded for this next fiscal year. Gary also stated that the McConnell Center budget (Bond and Capital are all set and that he is working on the Revenue and Maintenance side of the budget). Currently the committed space for the McConnell Center is 90 – 95% to capacity. However, not all the tenants have officially moved in yet.

Gary stated that the Recreation Staff is moving forward on Summer Programming and getting the Brochure ready. Gary stated that there is a Grade 5 – 8 Volleyball Program from March 8 – April 12. Emmy Blouin will be working with Krista Trefethen on this program.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Heyliger Awards Banquet this year will be on Thursday, March 27th. The Board decided to table the voting for the Heyliger Awards to a special Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

John Towle stated that he spoke to the Dover City Attorney and he suggested that John speak with some other towns to see how they handle dogs on playing fields. John stated that he contacted Rochester and they have the Roger Allen Park which is privately owned and dogs are prohibited from that park. John stated that he also contacted the City of Portsmouth and that they do not allow dogs on any park that has scheduled programs on it.



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Rich Thorpe made a motion to have John Towle move forward with the City Attorney to get an ordinance written up that no dogs are allowed on any City owned field. Greg Nesman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Shaw's Lane building has been turned over to the City by the contractor. Gary Bannon stated that there will need to be some finishing touches on the site work in the spring.

Gary Bannon stated that Ernie Clark may be interested in helping out planning the Butterfield Gym at the McConnell Center dedication ceremony. Bob Carrier said he would contact Ernie to see what he would like to do to help.

There has been a tentative agreement with Dover Little Green Football and Dover Youth Football. The leagues will work together on age grouping and this next year will be a transition year. Dover Youth Football will take Grades 3 – 6 plus carrying five players over from the previous year and Dover Little Green will take the Grades 7 – 8 and will also carry five players over from the previous year

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Bannon handed out a sample picture of the prototype sign that we will be using for all the Park signage in Dover. The prototype looks like the Willand Pond Sign.

The Annual Election of Officers for the Recreation Advisory Board was this evening. Bob Carrier was nominated for Chairman by Rich Thorpe. Mark Hyson seconded the nomination. The nomination voting was 5 votes for Bob Carrier and 1 abstain.

Rich Thorpe was nominated for Vice Chairman by Bob Carrier. John Towle seconded the motion. The nomination voting was 5 votes for Rich Thorpe and 1 abstain.

John Towle nominated Mark Hyson as Secretary. Mark Hyson declined the nomination but will help with the minutes until someone else is selected.



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ADJOURN: John Towle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Hyson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hyson