



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, March 10, 2008
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Carrier called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE: Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Joe Tenuta, Greg Nesman, John Towle, Brenda Smith.

ABSENT: Mark Hyson, Pete McKenney

SPECIAL GUESTS: Brett Sullivan & Randall Bloom – UNH Recreation Program

Norm Fracassa – Fracassa Design Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joe Tenuta made a motion to accept the February 2008 minutes. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

Norm Fracassa of Fracassa Design Works has been hired by the city to review and re-design the Dover 2000 Recreation Master Plan. This review will provide recommendations and priorities relative to the maintenance, improvements and promotion of city owned parks, recreation facilities and fields.

Norm will be sending surveys to all Rec Board Members as a part of his evaluation. He is working under the guidance of Chris Parker, Planning Director.

Norm plans to meet with the Rec Board on June 9, 2008. Expected completion date of this study is July 2008.



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REPORTS:

A) ADVISORY BOARD:

John Towle has met with City Attorney Alan Krans. They are working on an ordinance dealing with dogs at city owned recreation facilities.

B) RECREATION DIRECTOR:

-Gary discussed the upcoming CIP.

-Gary noted that the Community Boathouse concept is moving forward with the plans for a spring test of the river by the UNH Crew to see if it is suitable for rowing. This project is an important link between the Cochecho Waterfront Project and future recreation plans for Maglaras Park.

-Indoor soccer program is underway

-New volleyball clinic has over 35 enrolled. Emmy Blouin is coordinating.

-Gary will be talking with Vermont Recreational about completion of the Woodman Park Tennis Court and basketball court reconstruction.

-Discussions are underway regarding a possible Adult Summer Basketball League.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shaws Lane Concession Building now has water lines hooked up and has been rough wired. Dover Youth Softball and Youth Soccer leagues have been given keys to access the facility. Interior work is being planned.



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Heyliger Awards are planned for March 27. Sponsors have been sending in funds and everyone is expecting a memorable evening.

Butterfield Gym Dedication: Bob Carrier is in communication with Ernie Clark regarding plans to dedicate the McConnell Center Gym in memory of Bumpsy Butterfield.

Youth Football League Merger: The leagues continue to work on a potential merger. A tentative agreement for this fall should result in a clear delineation between the two leagues. Dover Youth Football will focus on grades 5 & 6 while Dover Little Green will focus on grades 7 & 8. The two leagues are discussing plans that will allow some players to switch leagues when size and/or ability is an issue. Gary will continue to coordinate the efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Department Budget planning is underway. Gary will meet with City Manager Joyal on March 14. City Manager Joyal will present the budget by April 15. Summer programs along with general staffing issues will be discussed.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Tenuta, seconded by Brenda Smith. The motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:50pm.