



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, June 9, 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Rich Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Rich Thorpe, Peter McKenney, and Mark Hyson

ABSENT: Brenda Smith, Joe Tenuta, Greg Nesman, and John Towle.

CITIZENS FORUM: There was no Citizen's Forum this evening.

REPORTS:

A: ADVISORY BOARD: Peter McKenney asked about the status of the Code of Ethics and also the dogs in the City parks issues. Rich Thorpe stated he would see what he has on the Code of Ethics and he will let everyone know at the next meeting. Since John Towle was involved with the Dogs in the parks issue and he is not present tonight, we will wait till next meeting to have status report from John.

Mark Hyson asked if the board would have any concerns with Dover Youth Softball and Dover Youth Soccer Association getting more keys to the concession stand. Gary suggested that the leagues look into a key pad with a code rather than handing out keys to several people. Gary stated that ABC lock in Dover could put it on for the organizations if they want.

Mark Hyson was asked by Dover Youth Softball to ask the Recreation Advisory Board why other schools that are using the softball fields are not paying the \$5 per player fee like all the other organizations pay. The schools in question were PCA, St. Thomas, and St. Mary's. Gary Bannon stated that he has never charged these schools for field usage because it was an unwritten agreement that these schools would be reciprocal in letting the City and Dover Recreation use their facilities. St. Thomas has let the City use their fields in the past for no charge and so has PCA. Gary stated he would take a look at the by-laws on charging the \$5 player fee.

B: Recreation Director: Gary stated that he received a copy of the football agreement and that it looks as if the two organizations Dover Youth Football and Dover Little Green may

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compromise on to be able to allow 5 kids that should go to the other organization stay with either DLG or DYF. These would be the Grade 5 and Gr. 6 players that were with DLG and the 7th graders that were with DYF. Gary stated he has not heard anything back since the middle of May. Gary stated that the leagues will need to get another agreement in the works and get a copy to him.

Gary stated that the City Council added back in the money for the July 4th fireworks and the money to open the Jenny Thompson Pool for the public. The City moved money from the Indoor Pool to put into Scholarships for the Playground Program. The money for the brochure has been cut out of the General Fund Budget as well.

There was \$68,000 cut from the Playground Programs this year. In order to run the program this year it was put in the Recreation Special Revenue Fund and subsidized by the other programs. There is an approximately \$20,000 gap between revenues and expenses that has to be made up. There was also \$15,500 cut from staffing of the Indoor Pool in order to fund a scholarship program for those that can't afford the summer programs. In order to limit the costs we have had to cap the number of attendance in the program which is 50 at Horne Street, 50 at Garrison, and 30 at Mineral Park. Also there will be a Teen program this year run out of the Teen Center. We will be allowed to use their facilities and they will be looking to the Police Department for grant to help with the funding. It will combine several trip days per week with a drop in feature.

The fireworks this year will be shot off from Maglaras Park in order to coordinate with the Friday night Cochecho Arts Festival. Next year it will go back to the rotation with Dover High being the next location.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shaw's Lane Building Progress: Next week there will be paving a gravel area around the building. GCAA Fence Company will also be putting exterior screens up for the bathrooms. Also the plumbing will be signed off next week.

Butterfield Gym Dedication Status: Gary has the proposal for the interior and exterior signage from Ernie Clark. Gary Bannon went to the McConnell Center tenants meeting and



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they agreed to the sign above the door. The tenants came up with putting a large sign out front like the Library sign, however the McConnell Center Advisory Committee did not agree to this sign out front. The next McConnell Center Advisory Committee meeting will be Monday, 6/23 at 7:00 PM in the McConnell Center Cafeteria. Gary stated he will let Ernie Clark know in case Ernie would like to come and speak at this meeting.

Hancock Park: Gary met with neighbors and they want to order more trees and shrubs. There is some money left in the budget to use for this purpose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Peter McKenney made a motion to accept the May 12, 2008 minutes. Mark Hyson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Master Plan: There is an Advisory Board for the Master Plan. The board members are Bob Carrier, Cova Greg, Kerry Keach, Ron Cole, Yan Nadelka, Brian Wilson, and Kurt Shooman. There were 400 copies of the Master Plan Survey at the schools. There have also been board meetings on Saturday's at 7 AM and items discussed were about each park and what equipment and amenities should be at each site. The board is trying to work out a Master Plan website.

ADJOURN: Bob Carrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Thorpe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hyson