



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, May 12, 2008
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

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

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

Absent: Brenda Smith, John Towle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Peter McKenney made a motion to accept the April 14, 2008 minutes. Greg Nesman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

CITIZENS FORUM: There was no Citizen's Forum tonight.

REPORTS:

A: ADVISORY BOARD: Mark Hyson gave a report on the Shaw's Lane Field Concession stand. Mark stated that Dover Youth Softball has sealed the floor in the Bathrooms and Mark also stated that the partition is up in front of the outside of the bathrooms.

Greg Nesman gave a report on Lacrosse. Greg stated that the girl's league wants to work with Dover Soccer Association on field usage dates for next season.

Rich Thorpe gave a report on the Skate Board Park and he stated that went he went down this past week it looked relatively clean, nothing seemed to be really in bad shape. Rich stated that there was around 12 skateboarders and about 15 other people just hanging around.

Rich asked who was responsible for the trash pick-up at the Horne Street school fields. Gary Bannon stated that it was the City's responsibility to pick up the trash. Greg Nesman stated that the Bellamy Field also needs to get picked up. Gary Bannon stated that this was the schools staffs responsibility.

B: Recreation Director: Gary Bannon stated that he had a budget presentation to the City Council on May 7th and it lasted about 2 hours, Gary said that it went well. Gary presented a broad picture of the Recreation Department with detail on certain areas. Gary stated that the playground program will have to be run through the Special Revenue Fund. The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool will be run as normal this summer per the council vote. The City



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Manager wanted Gary to draw something up for reducing the Indoor Pool schedule to help subsidized the playground program. This would be about \$15,000 dollars worth of savings. This money would be put in the Special Revenue Fund for the Playground Program. The Teen Program is not in this year's budget so far.

Gary met with Mark Hutton from Red Alert and two other concerned residents last week on what to do with the Dover Skate Park. There is a need to determine the long term plans for the park. Currently there is no money to move the park to a different site if it needed to be moved. There is money available until 7/1 but it is only for Maintenance. Gary stated that he still needs to meet with the City Manager on the long term plan of the Skate Park and where it may be feasible to move it to.

The work on the Indoor Pool heating system has been completed and it is back on line. Also the McConnell Center front roof has been completed it is all new and looks good, per Gary.

The NH Children's Museum is still on schedule to open on July 8, 2008

The Dover Recreation Bus has been taken off the road. The City is looking into purchasing some busses for an inner city loop which Coast will be providing the shuttling. The Recreation Department may be able to either purchase one of the busses that will be used as the spare.

The Woodman Park Tennis Courts are in the final stages of completion. They need to be striped and painted and the company is waiting on a good stretch of weather above 45 degrees consistently overnight. If there is money left over from the CIP on this money will be used to fill and seal the cracks in other City tennis courts.

Hancock Park Update – There needs to be a drywell put in over by the basketball court. Kevin Goodwin has almost finished the sign for the park. There still needs some minor plantings of trees as well. Gary is working with the community there to see if some people may want to donate a tree.

Longhill Park – Gary stated that he would like to decide on where to go with this park. There is no scheduled playing of games at this field due to the poor field conditions and the parking issue.



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Gary stated that he has a tentative agreement on his desk with regards to the possible merger of Dover Youth Football and Dover Little Green. Gary has been waiting for the league representatives to respond back to him.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shaw's Lane Building Progress: From what Gary has heard from Dover Youth Softball and Dover Soccer Association there has been some delay with the sheet rock contractor. The leagues got bids and the purchase order was sent to the contractor but the contractor wanted money up front for the project. Gary stated that he moved as fast as he could to get the purchase order to the contractor. John Towle regraded some areas around the concession stand and put some crushed gravel down. The question is should the areas be paved or stoned dust. This also depends if the leagues intend to have gutters put on the building or not.

Master Plan – There is a questionnaire that has been produced and is getting out to patrons and is being handed out at Clean Up day. Once the questionnaire comes back they will compile the results.

Butterfield Gym Dedication Status: Gary now has a quote for the Internal Signage. Gary Bannon said that Ernie Clark (who is encouraging this project) would like the sign on the outside to be highly visible from the street. However, this needs to be consistent with all the other signs but at the same time making it obvious to the public as to where they are. There is also the thought of putting a sign like the library on the front lawn of the McConnell Center stating McConnell Center and Butterfield Gym. The tenants of the McConnell Center have recommended the signage, now the McConnell Center Advisory Committee needs to approve it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Bannon stated that the Jenny Thompson Pool Bathhouse project may be able to move ahead to some degree as money has been set aside for the design. Ideally the design and cost estimates can be done so plans can be made to set aside money from the sand and gravel fund. The City Council approved the move forward on the conceptual planning of the project for now.



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The Recreation Summer Brochure is currently out to the residents.

ADJOURN: Peter McKenney 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

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