



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820 Room 220
Meeting Date:	Monday, August 17, 2009
Meeting Time:	7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER: Rich Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:38PM

ROLL CALL

Present

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen

Recreation Board Members: Rich Thorpe - Joe Tenuta - Mark Hyson – Jerry Newcomb - Jon Towle

Absent

Brenda Smith

Suzanne Meadows

Greg Nesman

Pete McKenney

City Council Liaison: Bob Carrier

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: July 13, 2009 minutes

Changes to July 13, 2009 minutes - None

Joe Tenuta made a motion to approve the July 13, 2009 minutes. Mark Hyson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None.



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REPORTS

A. ADVIRORY BOARD

1. Joe Tenuta reported that Long Hill Park is well used presently, the fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, etc. Joe has not seen any problems with parking, occasionally some cars are parked on the street but not that often.
2. Jerry Newcomb reported that he has seen several families up using the Horne St School facilities as well.
3. Mark Hyson thanked Gary and the Mayor for recognizing the Girls softball team.
4. Mark also mentioned that he saw several people up using the Sullivan St playground as well.

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

1. Gary wanted to recognize and thank the staff at the Indoor Pool for how they handled the emergency at the pool where a patron had a near drowning due to a heart problem while swimming. Due to the quick actions and decisions of the life guards, patrons and the quick response time by both the Dover Fire Department and Dover Police the swimmer was saved and then transported to a hospital.
2. There is a potential overlap of some of the Arena Commission information coming through the Recreation Advisory Board now that the City Council Liaison to that board is no longer in existence.
3. Tennis court rehab (filling in the cracks in the courts is going to start for Horne St., Long Hill and Garrison Tennis courts later this month or in early September.
4. Krista reported Camp Sun n Fun camps wrapped up on Friday August 14th. Numbers were a little bit lower than last year. The request for scholarships was up this year. Overall, the attendees seemed really happy with the camps. Getting ready for fall class stuff, fitness class schedules.
5. Krista reported that Volley Ball is using gym space at the high school and middle school which has resulted in cheerleading moving over to Garrison School.
6. Krista reported that youth Rugby started using the upper field at Shaw's Lane during the summer time. It did not conflict with any other sports.



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C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Code of Ethics Development – Finalized, voted on, and approved by the Recreation Advisory Board. Sent for final review to City Attorney (Allan Krans). Once Gary gets it back from Allan Krans then Gary will set up a time to get it out to the leagues.

2. Dog Park – To be located next to/part of Long Hill Park. Size is projected to be 140 feet deep and 130 feet wide. Funds are available from monies that went through the planning board park improvements from new north end developments. There is an Eagle Scout project that will clear some of the underbrush that needs to be cleaned up. A fence will also be put up by a contractor. Hoping to work on the dog park this fall. Maybe we can sell some sponsorship to help support the park. Gary is speaking with neighbors to make sure the neighbors are okay with it. Gary is looking at other dog parks to make sure they incorporate all of the best ideas/rules from other dog parks. Gary to start coordinating project to see how much can get done before winter.

3. Bellamy 1 Field – The work has been completed and the field condition has improved.

4. MOU – Mark Hyson is still working on the MOU. Mark also mentioned that Dover Softball may be putting up a sign to recognize the softball team for their achievements this past year.

5. Dog Signs - Gary to follow up to see when the signs will get posted at the parks. One new potential issue up at Shaw's Lane is people hitting golf balls, creating divots, leaving golf balls behind, potentially hitting people with a golf ball, etc.

6. Park Street Park Project – Based on the meetings that have been held there is a list of residents willing to help. Some work is being done by Community Services to prune and clean up the park. The Rotary Club has decided to step in and adopt the park and foot a major part of the expense to update the park. Norm Francassa has offered to volunteer his services to help design the park and work with the volunteers. Park Street Park is twice as big as Hancock Park so there is a lot of different things that can be done (new playground equipment for younger kids, possibly a half court basketball court, etc). The goal is to have it done by June 2010. The Rotary Club is paying for a lot of the playground equipment, etc, which is why it's moving ahead quickly. The Rotary Club is providing \$55,000 and is working to secure more grants on behalf of the park.

C. NEW BUSINESS

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1. Recreations Board Member Responsibilities – Need to review member requirements and responsibilities for the Recreation Advisory Board.

Attendance – What happens when people presently on the board are not showing up for meetings and/or are not meeting the minimum criteria for attendance as specified within the Dover Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws?

Specific Sport Liaison – Are we going to get each member assigned to a specific sport as the liaison? If so, Recreation Board members should attempt to make some of the board meetings for the sport they are the liaison to.

Specific Park Liaison – Are we going to get each member assigned a specific park in the city? Each member should go out and review their assigned park on a monthly basis and report back to the board.

Rich recommended we either re-approve or potentially submit changes to the Dover Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws. It was last updated in 2006. We need to make a motion to change or update it.

It was agreed to put in on September's agenda for discussion so that we can start to decide what we are going to do as a board regarding this document, attendance, sports league assignments, park assignments, etc.

D. ADJOURN

Joe Tenuta made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

John Towle seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Jerry Newcomb