



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, January 10, 2011
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Tenuta called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

ROLL CALL

Present

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon
Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen
City Council Liaison: Bob Carrier

Recreation Board Members in attendance:

Joe Tenuta
Mark Hyson
Jerry Newcomb
Jon Towle
Rich Johnson
Kathy Morrison
Jake Bishop
Scott Kelley

Recreation Board Members/Liaison absent:

Suzanne Meadows: Suzanne resigned her position due to conflicts with personal and professional commitments. Suzanne was a member of the Rec Board for over 20 years. The board decided to make sure Suzanne is recognized at the March 2011 Heyliger Awards.

Open Positions on Rec Board: One Full time and two alternate (9 full time and 2 alternates is a full board, presently have 8 full time and 0 alternates)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 11, 2010 minutes - Kathy made a motion to accept, Rich seconded - board voted & approved.

November 8, 2010 minutes - Jon made a motion to accept, Kathy seconded - board voted & approved.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Joe Tenuta

Mark nominated Joe Tenuta, Jon seconded. No other members were nominated. Board voted & approved.



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Vice-Chairman: Mark Hyson

Jon nominated Mark Hyson, Kathy seconded. No other members were nominated. Board voted & approved.

Secretary: Jerry Newcomb

Joe nominated Jerry Newcomb, Jon seconded. No other members were nominated. Board voted & approved.

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

Joe read Suzanne's resignation letter. Suzanne to stay involved in Williland Pond and Rails and Trails. Jon recommended we invite Suzanne to the Heyliger's and make sure she gets a plaque for her years of service.

Jerry noted that there was one board member that had perfect attendance in 2010, Jon Towle.

Jerry brought in an article in the Fosters dated January 6th, the editorial titled lessons in frugality not to be forgotten said "Mike Joyal noted some of the years successes, progress at Williland Pond, creation of a new dog park, opening of the community trail, growing use of city's recreation area." Great job by the Dover Recreation Department.

Joe mentioned the school board meetings will soon be held in the new McConnell Media Center. Joe had attended the McConnell advisory board meeting.

Joe mentioned that there were some residents that live on Sullivan Drive were a bit upset at the speed that drivers are driving at going through their neighborhood on the way to Sullivan Baseball park. Jake Bishop, also President of Dover Baseball, said he would re-iterate to coaches, parents, etc to make sure they go slow coming in and out of the neighborhood.

Joe also mentioned that the Sullivan Drive neighbors were also upset at the amount of dust being kicked up from the gravel road that leads into Sullivan Baseball Park. Apparently, it's bringing a lot of dust and dirt into the neighborhood, especially the homes closest to the road. Joe was not sure what could be done but he wanted to bring it to the attention of the board and the city. Short of paving it (expensive) there is not much that can be done presently. Gary to check to see if there is anything that can be done or if the city has any recommendations.



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B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary asked Jake and Scott if they had taken the oath of office at the city clerk's office. Gary asked the new board members to why they wanted to join the board. Scott mentioned that he was interested to see what new winter recreation activities can be created and made available in the city. Jake mentioned that he has a 12 year old and a 14 year old that use a lot of recreation facilities. Also, being the President of Dover Baseball thought it would make sense to be involved given the size of the league.

Presidents Meeting:

February 3rd at 7pm (Thursday in Cafeteria or Room 220)

Spring sport sign ups are going to be:

February 7th - 9th - 12th (Monday and Wednesday 6pm - 8pm & Saturday 9am - Noon)

March 7th - 9th - 12th (Monday and Wednesday 6pm - 8pm & Saturday 9am - Noon)

Pool is having some fundraisers. They need to raise \$50,000 with the pool advisory committee. Swimming fundraisers may include swim a thons, road race, and include Jenny Thompson coming to do a swim clinic. All in difference presently between revenues and expenses is about \$290,000 for both pools.

Working on submitting budget and getting it in financial system. Generally, budget will be tight, try to stay level funded. Energy costs are starting to increase which may be an issue.

An Earth, Sea and Space Museum may be coming to Dover. They are looking at building a \$25MM facility over near the river near Maglaras Park. Rec board expressed concern that athletic fields and recreation facilities may be negatively impacted by this. The other thought is this facility might give the city incentive to invest in Maglaras Park. Jon would rather see the land saved for future athletic/recreation use for the people of Dover, something along the lines of Roger Allen Park done in Rochester. If the land was donated then the leagues could develop it. Gary mentioned the land is not really anything that can be built on or developed for recreation, its rock ledge and near the water and south of the recreation facility. The only thing that may have been impacted was the dog park that they talked about building near Maglaras Park. It should not overlap any part of the recreation part of Maglaras Park. Rich asked if this is a deed transfer to the land or would they lease the property from the city, they would lease the property from the city.



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C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

All basketball programs are up and running. All of the gyms are booked. Horne Street is coming on line soon.

Fitness center downstairs is very active and full of New Year resolution members.

Krista is running large event on March 12th, 6pm, at the Dover high School Auditorium, Dancing with the Dover Stars - a fundraiser for the Senior Center, Gary Bannon, Bob Carrier, Scott Myers, Gina Kruikshank, Chief Plummer, etc. Will be soliciting the business community for sponsorships, etc. Hoping this will be a very significant fundraiser for the senior center. Linda Jarvis and Krista are working hard to raise funds for the senior center.

OLD BUSINESS

MOU – Done per Gary & Mark. An agreement between Dover Soccer and Dover Softball over the use of Shaw's Lane concession has been finalized. Both groups are going to contribute \$400 a year toward a fund that will be used to update and replace the equipment in the concession stand.

Concussion Education – Gary is trying to figure out the best way to get info out to the leagues about concussions, education on concussions, etc. Gary is looking for a volunteer to take this on as a research project. Rich Johnson, Football has an online training for coaches and assistant coaches for concussion recognition and training. Rich also stated that Football will follow whatever the City's lead is on what they need to do over and above what they are already doing. Krista also mentioned that in addition to Football, Soccer and Basketball also have a high frequency of concussions. Jon suggested that maybe concussion training should be set up in August/early September to coincide with those sports seasons.

Heyliger Awards Banquet - Joe explained the history of the Heyliger's for the new board members. Confirmed with the Moose for Thursday March 24th per Gary. This will be the 2nd consecutive year that the Moose have hosted. Moose are covering the cost of the hall and will supply the food which has historically cost about \$2,000. Awards cost about \$1,000 which still has to be fundraised. Joe and Mark will work on getting together the fundraising packets so that members have their package by the February meeting. Need to update sponsor list (who gives every year, who never gives and drop these businesses, add new potential businesses, etc.)

By-Laws Revision to address attendance – Alan Krans is working on citywide standards. Rec Board wants 33% absenteeism in 12 months, not 4-in-a-row standard. Per Gary, Allan Krans did send him something to review but Gary needs to go back and review it. **Been trying to get finalized and approved since February 2010.**



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NEW BUSINESS

Living Christmas Tree Program - Per Gary this has been done for many years. Tree has become a 40 foot monstrosity, difficult to put the lights on and maintain. Some folks want the tree taken down and replaced with something else so that the whole Rotary Pavilion area can be seen. Others want to keep it because it has become a symbol of Christmas in Dover. The tree was donated by Betty Couture. The talking tree idea came from Don Heyliger. When it was first put in many years ago it was 10 feet tall, now it's grown and very large. A lot of the inside parts of the tree are dead, the lower branches die off, edges are green and it keeps growing upward. The Rotary did pay to put the lights on the tree. Singers that normally do the event were booked so they hope they can get the singers back next year.

Shaw's Lane Field Plans - Tim Little presented updated plans showing two options for new fields, one in front of concession stand and one over by the "pit". City "may" be able to help fill in the pit which may make the "pit" option more viable. Gary to check with Doug Steele and the city about what can be done and about what the city can do regarding the pit. By a consensus vote, the recreation board supports the project.

Gary had the Community Services Director and City Engineer out there for a look at the big hole at Shaw's Lane. The city engineer indicated that the whole can be filled in; there is not really a drainage issue. If one came up, it could be dealt with in the future. Gary let Tim Little know that it can be filled in and that the city knows people who can put clean fill in there to help fill it up. Ideally, get it filled in over the course of the winter. It's a win/win for the city and Dover Soccer.

Longhill Sink Hole - Joe asked if it was ever filled in. City was made aware of it. Just need to follow up to see if it was filled in.

F. ADJOURN

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully,
Jerry Newcomb