



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, March 14, 2011
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Tenuta called the meeting to order at 7:04PM

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
Scott Kelley

Recreation Board Members/Liaison absent:

Jake Bishop

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:

February 14, 2011 minutes - Rich made a motion to accept, Kathy seconded - board voted & approved.

CITIZENS' FORUM:

SKATE PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE

James Boos, Mark Hutton, and Matt Johnson came before the board to speak on behalf of the skate park down at Henry Law Park. They requested that the rec board allow them to form an ad hoc Skate Park committee in order to develop ideas of how to improve the park, fundraise for the park and keep it in an overall good condition.

The park is well used by hundreds of kids and adults. It's a recreation asset that is well used by skateboarders and bikes alike. They run summer programs and afterschool programs for kids. Rich Johnson also stated that he has been down there several times as well with his son.



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Motion was made by Jon Towle to support the formation of an ad hoc skate park committee, it was seconded by Kathy. Vote was unanimous by rec board.

Scott requested that the skate park ad hoc committee have its meetings right before the rec boards so that they can then report to the rec board with any issues and challenges they may be having.

It was also suggested that due to the potential trash issue with the trash barrels overflowing that maybe it might be better to get a dumpster put in down there.

HORNE STREET TIMBERLAND GRANT

Ken Costello, member of the PTO at Horne St School, came before the board to speak on behalf of some work that is going to be done up at Horne St. Ken mentioned that they had applied for a Timberland Grant and had received a grant from Timberland for work to be done up at Horne St. Timberland will come in and put in 6 hours of work with about 50 volunteers on Earth Day in April. Looking to put in a nature trail, do something with playground drainage issues to help dry it out, do some work in and around the building including changes to the basketball court. They are also looking to put in a garden that will grow vegetables for the school. Jon mentioned it would be helpful if they could look into the drainage issue in right field of the baseball field. The water seems to runoff of the basketball court and into right field. If there was a way to re-direct that water away from right field and away from the baseball field that would be helpful.

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

Board members that attended the Dancing with the Dover Stars event mentioned that it was a big success and well run event for the entire community. A very successful fundraiser for the senior center.

Joe mentioned that he saw 15 cars parked up at the dog park parking lot, very active place.

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary still working on the budget. Gary thinks that after healthcare costs will bring the Recreation Department at level funding for next year. The energy savings have been a huge help this year.



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Pool a thon raised over \$15,000. Dover Swims pool group is doing more soliciting for funds.

Coaches training coming up on 22nd.

Doing some follow up work at Park St. Park.

Dog park has an active group that wants to do some work up there.

C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

Dancing with the Dover Stars was a big success and well run event for the entire community. A very successful fundraiser for the senior center. They think they raised close to \$8,000 for the senior center.

Most basketball programs are winding down.

Fitness classes are going well.

OLD BUSINESS

Heyliger Awards Program Banquet

Confirmed with the Moose for Thursday March 24th per Gary. This will be the 2nd consecutive year that the Moose have hosted. Moose covering the cost of the hall and food.

Awards cost about \$1,000 which still has to be fundraised. Have raised about \$1,700 so far so we are good there. Will finish in the black again this year.

NOTE: Heyliger Award Fund had \$2,100 in the account as of 2/16/11.

Historically there are 90 - 100 people that attend each year.

Board may be looking to possibly make a small donation to the Moose from the Heyliger funds that Moose can use for one of their causes as a way to thank them for all of their work for the past few years.

Jerry sent an email to Dover Soccer asking about their Heyliger contribution which has not been received.

Shaw's Lane Field Plans

No update from Dover Soccer as of 3/14 per Gary.



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Well at Shaw's Lane

3/14 - Jerry brought up issue about well again, had Bob received figures from Ronan showing costs of \$15,000 - \$18,000 per year in water costs. City has paid \$54,500 over the past four years. Bob said he would follow up again with the city manager.

2/14 - Jon brought up the well for Shaw's Lane again. Jon talked the owner for Hillside who believes there will be plenty of water. At 650 feet they got 60 gallons per minute up at PCA. City is not presently willing to pay for well at Shaw's Lane presently.

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.*

Krans wants to find a generic formula that would fit all boards and commissions so that everyone was using the same formula city wide. Krans wants Gary to send it to all boards and commissions to get feedback. Gary said he would get it going again.

NEW BUSINESS

Skate Park - discussed under citizens forum.

F. ADJOURN

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jon seconded the motion.

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Respectfully,
Jerry Newcomb