



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, May 9, 2011
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Tenuta called the meeting to order at 7:17PM

ROLL CALL

Present

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

Recreation Board Members in attendance:

Joe Tenuta
Jerry Newcomb
Jon Towle
Rich Johnson
Scott Kelley

Recreation Board Members/Liaison absent:

Mark Hyson
Kathy Morrison
Jake Bishop - Resigned board position

Open Positions on Rec Board: Two full time and three alternates.
A full board consists of nine (9) full time members and three (3) alternate members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 11, 2011 minutes - Rich made a motion to accept, Scott seconded - board voted & approved.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None.

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

None

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary is working on the budget. Things are going to be tight again this year.

Skate Park: City Manager wants to move to another location, maybe Maglaras Park.
There has been some feedback about the skate park being too noisy for some neighbors.



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Is there anything documented about the noise? Rich Johnson has been down at the park, there is no music or anything else other than the kid's voices coming from the park. There are already people willing to put money into an existing facility, to move it, seems wasteful, especially in a fiscal environment where there is not a lot of money. The cost to pay for concrete in a new facility would cost in excess of \$60,000. Where would that money come from?

Joe pointed out that Henry Law Park is designated a Recreation area per the Henry Law Trust, part of which the skate park falls into. Because of the Henry Law Trust, the city may have to apply to the AG's office to use the sight for an alternative purpose, other than recreation (which the city may decide to do at some point).

There seems to be some confusion as to why the Mayor is asking "why move the skate park?" and the city manager is asking for it to be moved.

There is also another consideration about the materials that are in the dredge cell and how that would work with the Skatepark in that area.

Also the issue to deal with snow removal and where the snow would be dumped in relation to the skate park.

If they (city manager) are going to build a new skate park then they need to have it built and ready to use before they tear down the present one presently being used.

Rec board, skate park people, rotary, whoever we can get involved to start pushing for this.

Joe to follow up with Matt Johnson from Skate Park group.

Recreation Board made a motion. Motion was made by Rich Johnson and seconded by Jon Towle:

Letter has to be put together to the Mayor, Council, Rotary, etc.

Letter to state that the Rec Board is not in agreement of moving the skate park from its present location since it is presently located in a recreation facility per the terms of the Henry Law Trust and that it would be wasteful, in terms of spending money the city does not have. But if the skate park has to be moved that a new skate park facility needs to be open and fully operational (jumps, etc) before the present skate park facility is closed down.

Park St: Still working on getting it finished. Hope to have a dedication this summer.

Meeting space: Room 220 meetings will have to be moved due to the room 220 space being leased to the Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC), a paying customer. Other meeting space may be found in the senior center, room 346, etc.



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C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

Krista trying to get summer programs organized, people hired. A lot of work to do to get it all pulled together.

Fitness classes will start again then will move to a summer schedule.

Senior center trips are being organized.

OLD BUSINESS

Looking to create a Friends of Dover Recreation 501 (C) 3 organization so that they can fundraise for the senior center, pools, skate park, recreation and apply for grants as a nonprofit. Rich Johnson filled out the application for "The Friends of Dover Recreation, Inc".

Rich brought in:

Articles of Agreement

Form 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Rich provided a comprehensive review of the articles and the form 1023 application.

Donation back to Moose to help cover Heyliger Awards Program Banquet

Gary sent Jim at the Moose the paperwork to fill out but to date Gary has not received paperwork back from the Moose yet.

Rec board voted to donate \$500 back to Moose out of Heyliger funds to help cover the cost of hosting the banquet.

Shaw's Lane Field Plans

Dover Soccer is proceeding with plans to fill in the pit and build another soccer field (option 2). City has material for fill but not the ability to truck it over. DSA will have to pay for trucking.

Well at Shaw's Lane - no update - need to add to June Agenda

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 \$64,500 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.

Bath house - \$185,000 - what is the status of repairs?

Garrison Hill Ski Park: Scott is following up about getting grants through Senator Shaheen's office. Scott also needs the non-profit to be set up as a place for grants to be awarded to. There is



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a lot of equipment available for purchase, some of it at pretty good prices. Scott envisions it to be a year round facility that can be used for more than skiing. Lumber companies will help remove trees and split the profits. Stumps have to be removed separately. Scott also has calls into PSNH about the poles that may have to be replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Meeting Schedule - Board agreed to stay on once a month meeting schedule.

Budget Discussion - Budget is up in the air until money from the state coming to the city gets sorted out. A lot of things are in flux presently.

Need clarification on voting members from Allan Krans about voting members. There are 7 active full time members out of a possible 9. The operating rules state that we need fifty one (51%) of the voting membership of the board shall constitute a quorum. Does this mean 51% of the 7 active members (4) or does it mean 51% of the 9 possible members (5) in order to have a quorum.

F. ADJOURN

Jon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rich seconded the motion.

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:59pm

Respectfully,
Jerry Newcomb