



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Senior Center Activity Room
Meeting Date: Monday, September 12, 2011
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Hyson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

ROLL CALL

Present

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen

City Council Liaison: Bob Carrier

Recreation Board Members in attendance:

Mark Hyson

Rich Johnson

Scott Kelley

Kathy Morrison

Jon Towle

Recreation Board Members/Liaison absent:

Jerry Newcomb

Joe Tenuta

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:

August 8, 2011 minutes – Rich Johnson made a motion to accept, Kathy Morrison seconded – Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None.

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

Soccer Field Expansion at Shaw's Fields

Sod going in on September 15

Irrigation complete

Dover Community Services Department helped a lot. Saved a lot of money.

Water issue: No well installed (yet). Watering is now being paid attention to (previously probably not enough watering). A breaker was tripped and the grass burned in the heat. Fertilizing is also happening more. The well idea is still a possibility.



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Mark Hyson asked if a written agreement between Dover Soccer Association and Dover Softball existed to use the softball outfield.

Answer: Yes, but just between the leagues. No city signatory.

Mark commented that Soccer is using the outfields almost every night (games and practices). Some sod might need to be replaced.

Krista responded that a review/inspection with soccer representatives should occur to proactively prevent issues (meet at the end of September).

Jon Towle commented that if overuse occurred, sod would be best approach.

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

CIP proposals are in the Planning Department with Chris Parker.

City gravel money will have to fund most of CIP proposals (little chance of bonding options).

- Finish rear of Henry Law Park

- Skate Park (Dickinson developer starting in Spring of 2012, skate park could be affected in bluff overlooking skate park is excavated).

The original idea area for the new skate park is now off. Dickinson will need remaining space in dredge cell for approximately two years of Dickinson-related disposal fill. This kills the skate bowl idea.

New skate park idea: Maglaras Park has new location identified (near the ball field).

Gary met with the skate park organization. Plenty of room. Fund raising requires final decision on location and the approval process.

Gary wants Recreation Board to approve location at October, 2011 meeting, at least as current idea.

- Mr. Bardwell has submitted a proposed location of foot bridge.

Will cross Cocheco River (plan passed around).

Gary has the idea to fix up the end of the Riverwalk and tie it in with the bridge.

C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

Basketball announcements going out next Monday

E-Newsletter in effect

Trips: Italy - September 22, 2011

Dancing with The Dover Stars planning starting to ramp up



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Jon Towle advised that Dover Baseball would like to use some facilities for indoor training in March/April (only need one gym location). Krista responded with the idea of the Garrison School cafeteria, but Jo advised that Dover Baseball is interested in hanging nets (Mid-February to March 1 approximate start date).

OLD BUSINESS

501(c) (3) Update:

Richard Johnson to follow up on application status with IRS

Jenny Thompson Pool Bathhouse Renovation:

Pinewood Corp. out of Portsmouth, NH won bid. Renovation will result in (bathrooms/showers/lobby), but not everything originally desired.

Goal: Finish this Fall. Gary is coordinating with Building Inspector Tom Clark. City of Dover will assist in demolition.

Park St. Update:

August 20 ribbon cutting went well

Trash cans are being moved

Painting the basketball court (having trouble finding an expert) Jon Towle and Bob Carrier expressed interest in assisting with chalking lines, if a painter can be found.

Garrison Hill Ski Park Status

Gary Bannon met with Harold (logger) and PSNH to partner with them (burn wood for electricity). They have a list of foresters to work with. Loggers are always looking for product. PSNH recommended that Gary negotiate with loggers (i.e., either free or reduced fee). Goal is to try to make money on the logging. Bidding process will occur.

PSNH recommended using UNH cooperative extension program office to help inventory wood lot. Gary wants to thin out entire recreation area. Winter is best for logging.

Jon Towle asked if the loggers would be interviewed. Gary responded that an RFP was likely.

Gary has discussed this initiative with all other applicable city departments, who are okay, so long as wetlands are not impacted.



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Bob Carrier advised that John Pike is the UNH Coop Services director, if Gary needs more help.

Scott Kelley spoke to Bob (owner) of Fire on the Mountain, who wants to arrange for student volunteers and get vendors to donate raffle fundraiser equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Storm Impacts:

Hurricane IRENE Storm Impact:

Ice arena lost power for thirty-six hours but saved the ice. Prior improvements (refrigerants and insulation) helped save the ice and related rental income.

A Caterpillar generator can be rented for \$4,000 new arena equipment can run on a generator).

Mark Hyson questioned why Dover seemed to have so many outages.

Timberland Company landscaping Serva-Palooza was a great success. Used a prior UNH Horticulture plan for the McConnell Center

Timberland contributed approximately \$8,000 for plants. Gary got this all scheduled in thirty days (short notice). Had approximately 125 to 135 people on-site

Dover Community Services provided machines for digging. Results look great.

Bob Carrier would like to arrange a city proclamation of appreciation to Timberland's volunteerism (other locations included Community Trails canoe launch, Library Grounds, and Horne Street School).

F. ADJOURN

Richard Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Towle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully,
Richard Johnson