



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, January 9, 2012
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Tenuta called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

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 (Did not make the January meeting)

Jon Towle (Did not make the January meeting)

Jerry Newcomb

Kathy Morrison

Rich Johnson

Scott Kelley

Margaret Trefethen (New member as of January 2012)

Norm Fracassa (New member as of January 2012)

Open Positions on Rec Board: Three alternates.

A full board consists of nine (9) full time members and three (3) alternate members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 12, 2011 minutes - Scott made a motion to accept, Rich seconded - board voted & approved.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None

Election of Officers: Joe was nominated for Chair by Kathy, seconded by Margaret. No other nominations. Joe elected. Mark was nominated for Vice-Chair by Joe, seconded by Scott. No other nominations. Mark elected. Jerry was nominated for Secretary by Joe, seconded by Rich. No other nominations. Jerry elected.

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

None



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B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary suggested that the Rec Board may want to take some time at a future meeting to set up a proactive agenda for the year.

Dover Swim (major pool fundraiser) week is going well.

C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

Basketball in full swing.

Fitness, Yoga, Zumba up and running.

Sports sign ups set for Feb 6, 8, 11 and March 5, 7, 10.

Dancing with the start set for March 10th (Senior Center Fundraiser)

Still looking for Senior Center Coordinator for 15 hours a week

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Dover Recreation 501 (C) 3

The state paperwork is in, just waiting on Federal paperwork. Hope to have in 2012. Rich continues to follow up with feds. Scott to make a call to Senators to see if they can help. Maybe some possible grants on an organizations letterhead would help speed things up.

Jenny Thompson Pool House Renovation

Construction started in early November; goal is to finish everything so it's ready for May opening.

Dog Ordinance Change

Signage to follow that says NO DOGS. **Have signs been put up?**

Garrison Hill Ski Park

Details coming together, city council still need to review and approve. Gary went to the grant workshop in December but then there was no federal funding of grants they were pursuing. New grant possibilities are mountain bike grant and off highway recreation vehicle grant.

Budget

Try to maintain what you have in programs, people, etc. In preparation mode presently. No additions to staff or programs.

Well at Shaw's Lane

Need an update.



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6/13 - Bob spoke to the city manager about it. It's doable but it's still being investigated. Need to see what the savings to the city could be. 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.

Skate Park

Site at Maglaras is available. 10,000 square feet. City manager has indicated Skate Park must be moved from present site at Henry Law. Trust does say this area of Henry Law has to be used for Recreation purposes. Dickinson wants to break ground in spring 2012. Need alternative site approved then need to find \$100,000 to fund it. Are kids not going to have a skate park to go to in 2012 or 2013?

Rec Board letter to city council was reviewed and approved and sent to City Council and City Manager in October. Per Gary it was received and reviewed by city manager and council in November.

Trying to get a commitment on a new spot for Skate Park from city manager and city council. Dredge cell site not an option per Dean Peschel.

Skate Park location: ½ the land is deeded to Dickinson and ½ the land is in the Henry Law Trust. Bob suggested a sub committee be formed by members of the Rec Board and the skate park group that would report regularly to the city council. Committee would remind council of the sensitivity regarding the timing of moving and building a new skate park prior to Dickinson demolition of the current existing skate park.

Williand Pond Hockey Tourney – Stimilon (Promotion Company) wants to put on a pond hockey tournament at Williand Pond in January where they bring in a number of teams to compete.

This is on schedule to happen in January weather permitting.

Awards Program Discussion – Moose are on board to host again. Many thanks to the Moose! Joe/Mark to have packages ready for February meeting.

Raising backstop at Woodman Park – Dover Baseball wants to raise the backstop at Woodman Park to reduce the amount of lost baseballs and possible damage to some cars in the area. It will cost \$2,500.



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NEW BUSINESS

Park Street Park Parking Issues: People have been parking overnight in the spots reserved for the Park St Park. This is mostly due to the current winter parking ban in effect. Working on a solution. On a separate note there had been some recent vandalism (spray paint) at the park recently. Norm suggested that maybe a phone number be put up at the park for people to call when they see something broken or vandalized.

F. ADJOURN

Norm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret seconded the motion.
The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Respectfully,
Jerry Newcomb