



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, June 11, 2012
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Tenuta called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

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 (missed meeting)
Jon Towle (missed meeting)
Jerry Newcomb
Kathy Morrison (missed meeting)
Rich Johnson
Scott Kelley
Margaret Trefethen
Norm Fracassa
Stanley Kaubris (A)
Lynn Antone (A)

Open Positions on Rec Board: One Alternate

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2012 minutes – Norm made a motion to accept, Margaret seconded - board voted & approved.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

Joe: McConnell Center has some new potential tenants coming in.

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary went to skate park meeting at 6pm (June 11, 2012). Skate Park Group is doing a lot of work in preparation of a move to Maglaras Park. Gary is working on a presentation to



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City about skate park move to Maglaras Park. Skate Park committee is also looking into possible grants.

Liberty Mutual is doing a cleanup project on Garrison Hill including painting the tower, cleaning up some brush, painting a fence, etc on June 21st. They expect about 50 volunteers.

Budget adopted with a 10% reduction in the Recreation General Fund.

C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

Camp Kool is full. Playground program at Horne St is also full. Garrison has a few slots left.

Senior center going well, trip to Ireland in the fall.

Dover Youth Softball is hosting a tournament July 13th-15th.

Old Business

Jenny Thompson Pool House Renovation

Ribbon cutting was held May 19th with Jenny Thompson in attendance. New pool covers should help keep costs down.

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. This area of Henry Law Park is covered by the Henry Law Trust and has to be used for Recreation purposes. Dickinson wants to break ground in fall 2012. Need alternative site approved then need to find \$100,000 to fund it. New site at Maglaras proposed at where Dog Park was going to be in the last master plan. Jon made a motion to accept new location, Kathy seconded motion, and motion passed.

Need to see what next steps are for funding Skate Park.

Skate park group meets in Room 346 second Monday of month at 6pm (right before rec board meeting).

Depending on development plans and timetable the skate park could be closed by the end of the fall 2012.

Norm suggested First Street or Portland Street open city lots kids could use as a temporary skate park location until new one was built.

Question was asked "can materials taken and being sold from bluffs that will be sold by developer for profit have some of those funds put toward the cost of a new skate park?"

Henry Law Park: Meeting for people to attend to discuss possible Henry Law Park improvements was held on March 6th. It was a brainstorming session. A lot of ideas were presented for consideration.



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Second meeting took place on May 22nd 7pm room 305. A lot of discussion centered on the parking lot. PSNH may be interested in contributing to the project. Children's Museum also looking into possible grant money to help fund project.

Waterfront Development: Discussions ongoing about Dickinson Development start date, work on bluffs, access road to skate park, discussion about overall development.

Gary met with Mark Dickinson and Dean Peschel the week of June 4th, looking to re-shape Maglaras Park dredge cell. Dickinson sees it as a "win/win." It saves him money and it helps the city by doing some work that needs to be done at the park. Papers are to be signed in August, site work to start in fall or winter.

New Business

Coca Cola Contest: 3 prizes are awarded of \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000 by Coke to the parks that get the top 3 online votes. Rec Board voted to support Garrison Hill as the park that should get the funds should it garner enough votes.

Henry Law Park Art Project: Yarn Bombing. Put yarn all over the place as a decorative idea. Rec Board did not like the idea of taking away from the natural beauty of the park and voted against the idea.

ADJOURN

Margaret made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion.
The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully,
Jerry Newcomb