



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, October 14, 2013
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Joe Tenuta at 7:05pm.

ROLL CALL

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen

Recreation Board members in attendance:

Joe Tenuta

Norm Fracassa (arrived at 7:15pm)

Stanley Kaubris

Scott Kelley

Jon Towle

Richard Johnson

Recreation Board members not in attendance:

Ronan O'Doherty (Alternate member)

Kathy Morrison

Jerry Newcomb

City Council Liaison: Bob Carrier

Open Positions on Rec Board: Two alternates

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes for September 9, 2013

Stan Kaubris motioned to accept. Seconded by Scott Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes for special meeting which occurred on September 23, 2013

Stan Kaubris motioned to accept. Seconded by Scott Kelley. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' FORUM:

None

However, in the interest of timing and small children/family members in attendance, Gary Bannon introduced Chris Baker. Mr. Baker is negotiating to use the basement of the existing Bellamy Park building as a disc golf pro shop. Gary volunteered that contract negotiations are ongoing. After finalization (goal is this week), it will go to City Council for approval.



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Chris Baker advised that Bellamy Park was one of the first disc golf courses established in New Hampshire. There are now approximately 4,000 courses in the United States (number has tripled in recent years).

Mr. Baker would like to establish a prop shop with: 1,000 discs, bags, snacks, and drinks. Keith Hiro was also in attendance. Chris and Keith have +10 years of disc golf experience. They want to help new players, which will include rentals, starter packs, and organizing training clinics. Example: They coordinated the visit of a pro disc golfer recently, which was well received. They also have other ideas, including youth programs (girl scouts/boy scouts), family days, winter leagues, sponsorships, etc.

Chris Baker advised that the Bellamy course is in good shape, but needs further cleaning and maintenance. Example: Keep the tee pads and baskets clear in the winter.

Jon Towle asked about smoking and alcoholic beverage concerns (i.e., young male players). Joe asked about a DOs and DON'Ts sign. Chris Baker advised that a sign does exist, but is not prominent.

Gary then discussed the building issues. The disc golf group has used it/cleaned it, and done a good job. The Recreation Department is paying for heat and maintenance. The building used to be part of Camp Sun n' Fun. The goal is to generate enough funds to cover the city's operating costs of the building, plus a little more. The physical presence in the building and park is also a win/win relationship. The city puts little money into Bellamy Park.

Joe Tenuta asked about tournaments. Chris Baker responded in the affirmative. Examples: 72 people in one recent tournament. There are up to 90 in NEFA (New England Flying Disc Association) tournaments. 'Ice Bowl' tournaments raise money for local food pantries.

The Whittier Street conservation land will also be getting a course in the near future, as well. This will help spread golfers out.

Gary also advised that communication is the key to successfully coordinate competing high school cross-country events, versus disc golf attendance.

Stan Kaubris asked about etiquette. Chris Baker advised there are no issues, and 'play through' occurs.

Bellamy Park Pro Shop hours will be mostly weekends. Approximately 10am to 6pm.



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REPORTS

A) ADVISORY BOARD:

Joe Tenuta reported on Long Hill Park.

Basketball backboards are being refurbished. 1995 original fiberglass-over-core

The same model cannot be ordered.

Dover Community Services took them down and are refurbishing them (including new rims).

Norm Fracassa reported visiting the parks he was assigned.

Park Street had 26 people when he visited. Great feedback! “Best hoop around” per players, as opposed to double rims at other area parks.

Local residents are cleaning up and taking over care of perennial beds. Norm offered to help.

Norm reported that Henry Law Park looked great. Graffiti was cleaned up.

Two issues: 1) Plywood on slide was kicked out. 2) Port-a-Potty on its side (Gary Bannon is aware).

B) RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary Bannon added that the replacement slide for Henry Law Park has been ordered. Gary is actively working with Bob Pettinelli.

Slides for Long Hill Park were vandalized. Ordering process is under way for new slides. Insurance is covering the cost.

Future projects were presented to the Joint Planning Board/City Council last week. These include:

1) Ice arena locker rooms.

2) Guppy Park improvements (start over with park). There are a lot of moving pieces. Example: if proposed aquatic center were not to go to Maglaras Park, the alternative would be Guppy Park location (due to parking concerns at current Jenny Thompson Pool location).

Norm asked, “Who uses the softball fields?”. Krista Trefethen responded that the Dover Softball League and occasional fundraising tournaments use the field.

Guppy Park proposed budget: \$350,000 (revamp field, parking, drainage, lights, and scoreboard). Example: Field is wet until May. Needs drainage. Potential for youth football field usage.



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Design would occur in Fiscal Year 2015 (post July 1, 2014). Bid for design could go out before July, 2014, but services/payment would be after July 1, 2014.

\$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2015

\$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 (optimistic construction)

Jon Towle asked if an artificial turf field is still planned for Dover High School.

Gary Bannon responded that it is still a high priority. Getting revised pricing. Split between City CIP and School Department CIP. Shared field.

Stan Kaubris asked if a discount would be possible if combined with pending St. Thomas Aquinas turf field project. Gary: Timing is not possible.

Gary is taking part in the October 17, 2013 Dover Chamber of Commerce Citizens' Leadership Academy.

Upcoming City Council meeting will deal with Tim Little field naming

ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

- 1) Trick or Treat on October 30. 5pm to 8pm.
- 2) Dog Park fund raiser is 8am to 2pm on October 26. Rain date is October 27.
- 3) Basketball signups ongoing.
- 4) Basketball skills classes/sessions ongoing.
- 5) Fitness classes are strong.
- 6) Now open until 9pm on Fridays.
- 7) Badminton going to Friday nights, due to basketball.
- 8) Senior Center coordinator leaving on October 25 for full time job.
- 9) Senior Center in good shape.

Old Business

Garrison Hill

University of New Hampshire students are going to conduct tree inventory/identification. They are using hill as project site for their class.

Applications for trails grants coming out at end of October, 2013. Need to get money to get ski area going. Wood/timber will also be sold.

Indoor Pool Roof Project:

Gary: Hired roofing consultant.



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Bids came in above the budget.
Going to re-bid the project
Spring, 2014 should give better price, waiting until after this winter.

Henry Law Plaza Project:

Granite will be coming in. Power, etc., as well.
Main Street Group will work on lighting program, fire pit, etc.
Friday, December 6, 2013 will be the Tree Lighting event.

Climate Change Program:

Meeting will occur on October 17, 2013 in Room 306.
Need attendees. Food will be provided.
Please RSVP.

NEW BUSINESS

Apple Harvest Day went well. Weather was good.

Three booths:

- 1- Senior Center
- 2- Pool Group
- 3- Henry Law Park

Krista Trefethen reported that a 50/50 raffle and quilt raffle raised approximately \$200.
A lot of information supplied to residents/nonresidents about Recreation services and programs.

New item: Gundalow Project

'The Captain Edward H. Adams' gundalow is being retired.

Value: Historic

Put it at Henry Law Park, along river.

70'x17'

Sit on granite foundation.

Options: Static display, stage, etc.

Need to get it out of the water by end of November, happening quickly.

Norm Fracassa and Jon Towle asked about maintenance costs and efforts on the boat, moving forward. Gary Bannon reported that The Gundalow Company will help maintain the boat (salt water bilge to preserve wood and painting).

Mast, but no sail, for display.



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Fit the boat between two trees near the Henry Law Park parking lot.

Fifty ton boat.

Gary: Perpetual care agreement in the works (Gundalow Company/Children's' Museum).

Stairs to allow access at certain times and security lighting.

Gary feels that the Central Towers residents will also watch over the boat.

The boat is leaky. Water is not an option. Coast Guard says it is not safe.

Constant bilge pumping occurring.

The boat is at Strawberry Bank right now.

Final determination rests with the Dover City Council.

Jon Towle advocated that the City of Dover not assume maintenance responsibility for the boat.

City Council vote will occur as soon as possible.

Other items:

Norm Fracassa asked about Park Street Park funds and timing.

Gary: Impact fees check received from apartment building developer.

\$12,000 to be used for water control re: drainage/runoff.

Need to address park path (to pave or not pave).

Norm would like a path eight feet wide on East Concord Street side.

Gary will talk to Doug Steele.

Gary concerned about drainage and grading. No puddling desired.

Norm willing to help with center path.

ADJOURN

Scott Kelley motioned, Norm Fracassa seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully,
Richard Johnson