

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, April 14, 2014
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Joe Tenuta @ 7:04pm

ROLL CALL:

Recreation Director: Gay Bannon
Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen

Recreation Board Members in Attendance:

Joe Tenuta
Norm Fracassa
Stanley Kubris
Jerry Newcomb
Wayne Boucher
Scott Kelley
City Council Liaison: Jon O'Connor

Recreation Board Members Not in Attendance:

Richard Johnson
Jon Towle
Rohan O'Doherty
Kathy Morrison

Open Positions On Rec Board:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 10, 2013 were reviewed. Stanley Kubris motioned approval. Norm Fracassa seconded. Passed Unanimously

CITIZENS FORUM:

None

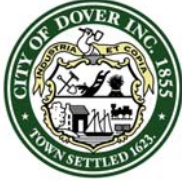
REPORTS:

Advisory Board Members:

None

Rec Director Gary Bannon:

Updated contact sheets were passed out.
Skate park group had a meeting today. They are looking to use the funds set aside from the waterfront project (estimated \$20,000) in order to build a "portable" half pipe as well as doing some other improvements to the existing skate park with the intention



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that the half pipe would be able to be moved to a permanent location once the final determination of location and the need to move is decided. The plan is that they will present their plans to the Recreation Advisory Board at our next regular meeting for May in order to review the plans and where they are at. Gary is going to find out how and when the group would be able to access the money that was set aside for their needs.

Dover Pride Clean-up day May 10th. Signs ups to be done through Dover Main Street. Work day @ Long Hill Park last weekend consisting of general clean-up of the area. Henry Law Park corner plaza due to have wiring & light poles & gardening completed. Rotary rededication ceremony is being planned for some time in June. Band Shell is getting upgrades/painting. Trying to barter the upgrades and painting of the area with advertising.

Reds Road Race had over 1,100 registrants preregister. It was a success other than parking issues. They will need to look at that for next year to perhaps allow for more satellite parking alternatives with shuttling people in from satellite lots.

Pool roof scheduled to be done late May or early June.

Henry Law Park upgrading project has a need for about \$450,000. To date Gary's secured up to \$350,000 which included the anonymous \$100,000 donation that was recently noted in the paper. Gary will be meeting with the Rotary next week to see about additional donations. Demo would be next fall POST Apple Harvest.

Norm asked about Henry Law funding for annual maintenance of the park for post upgrading. Gary has talked with Doug Steele. Doug has begun to put requests for additional money to specifically maintain the parks. He's requested an additional (increase) of \$7,000 to \$8,000 for this budget season.

Norm requested an update on the slide. Per Gary the slide is being installed shortly.

Norm asked for additional seating/picnic tables for Henry Law park given the increase in the usage it's seeing. Doug is working on getting the tables/seating distributed throughout the parks.

Assistant Rec Director Krista Trefethen:

Basketball is almost wrapped up for this season.

Volleyball programs is growing and looking at expanding.

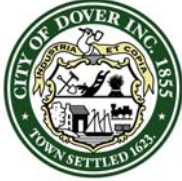
Playgrounds & Camp Kool sign ups to start 4-15.

Fields not totally ready yet...still need to dry out and warm up.

DHS using Woodman Tennis courts this year due to issues with the High School courts.

Senior Center travel going well and they have an aquarium trip coming up

There was a volunteer luncheon last Friday to acknowledge the help received from the various volunteers. It was a success.



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OLD BUSINESS:

Awards Program Review:

20th year was a success with 85 attending. Most who attended commented on the food and how special a night it was.

Donations lists were passed out. \$1,550 in donations were received with perhaps a few more stragglers to come in.

\$500 to be given back / donated to the Moose

4th of July Program:

Gary has \$7,500 committed and looking for about \$4,000 +/- more to get over \$10,000 total in order to present a viable show.

Visibility – thought was initially to move the location closer to the river or perhaps on the bluffs but there isn't an area big enough to safely shoot them off so they will most likely be shot off as last year. Norm asked about moving towards the marina but there were problems in the past with embers falling on boat covers and burning holes so that's not a real viable option.

39th Army Band will be playing at the Band Shell

Time frame is 7:30 to about 9:30/10pm and it will be smaller than years past without carnival rides, bouncy houses etc.

Food Vendors have been contacted...basically ice cream, fry dough + trinkets. \$100 for a vendor spot

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Presentation

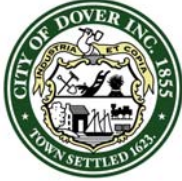
Rec budget didn't get changed by the City Manager which came in under the tax cap. Gary came in with about a 2.4% increase or basically \$58,000. The increase in the Recreation budget was mostly due to insurances, increases in energy costs, personnel and rents.

Recreation budget presentation is April 23rd

For the future we are looking to add a full time person to manage the Senior Center programs. Krista has been acting as the person in charge but it really needs someone overseeing all aspects full time. Krista is just spread too thin to be able to cover this as well as the other programs she already oversees as this program is growing with the senior population.

Waterfront Activity:

Great Bay Rowing Club, UNH and Berwick Academy will be using the "Butler Building" after having signed a lease. This will allow them to use the building for this year with the idea being to bring attention to the ability to use the river for their rowing needs and let these groups explore an expanded use for the future and possibly build a boat house.



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John O'Connor asked if there was sand along the shore but per Gary it is was mostly mud. The groups understand they will need to make due with what's there for now until something more permanent can be put in place after this year.

Norm asked if there's been any update from the Dickinson Group regarding their work on the waterfront development. Per John O'Connor the council is due to get an update at the end of the month or beginning of May. Dickinson runs out of time per the agreement in August of this year and general speaking there isn't a feeling that any additional extensions would be granted.

Other Items:

Norm mentioned that May 10th is projects day for Dover Clean Up. Email projects for consideration to Norm. Idea being, that they are going to be focusing on the downtown area. He also recommended that now is a good time for people to begin inspecting their parks more closely since the snow has melted.

ADJOURN:

Norm Fracassa motioned. Stanly Kubris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Adjourned @ 7:49pm

Respectfully,
Scott Kelley