



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 9, 2014
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

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

ROLL CALL:

Recreation Director: Gay Bannon
Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen

Recreation Board Members in Attendance:

Joe Tenuta
Jon Towle
Stanley Kaubris
Jerry Newcomb
Scott Kelley
Richard Johnson
Wayne Boucher
City Council Liaison: John O'Connor

Recreation Board Members Not in Attendance:

Ronan O'Doherty
Kathy Morrison
Norm Fracassa

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 May 9, 2014 were reviewed. Richard Johnson motioned approval. Scott Kelley seconded. Passed Unanimously

CITIZENS FORUM:

No one in attendance none

REPORTS:

Advisory Board Members:

Richard Johnson reported on Hancock Park condition, and that the water fountains were not operating, broad-leaf weeds growing under equipment. It was also reported that the Applevale Drive Park water fountain was broken. A short discussion then occurred regarding City of Dover water and the water fountain pipe lines.



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Joe Tenuta then commented on his knowledge of a recreation board in Westerly, Rhode Island. They are not an advisory board. They are operationally empowered, solicit funds and users fees, and get things done. They just 'do it'. They know how to get things done efficiently, without relying on a separate city department. Efficiency equals politics plus contacting the right people. Example: Their soccer complex and skate park used to be a gravel pit.

Richard Johnson then amplified on this previously-discussed them, commenting on the model of all repairs being managed by the City of Dover Community Services Department, the shortcomings of this model, the perceived inherent schism of priorities between the two departments, etc.

Gary Bannon responded that things are getting better and that all parties are "Working on it."

Gary advised that an intern will be recoding an inventory of the city parks (i.e., condition, contents, planning, etc.). It will be a fourteen week project of field work, recorded via Microsoft Excel.

Jerry Newcomb asked about the number of parks. Gary responded that there are sixteen parks, and the data is five to six years old. Cataloguing will also include video recordings.

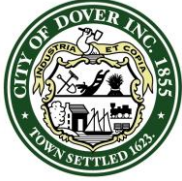
Jerry Newcomb asked if park equipment could be standardized. Krista Trefethen responded that this would be hard to do, since such large purchases normally go out to bid. It would be hard to justify/explain the winning bids, based on such criteria.

Recreation Director Gary Bannon:

1. Fourth of July plans are all in place. The Thirty-Ninth Army Band will be part of the entertainment. There will be approximately six food and novelty vendors. "Getting back to the basics" for on-site vendors.
2. Starting to Cochecho River kick off rowing program. Meeting next Tuesday. The Butler Building is available, for scull storage. Test rowing to start on river. The rowing group currently only has water on the Oyster River three days a week. They need to move. Dover is one of three separate options they have. Jon Towle asked about any concern about the rowers interacting with the previously-planned cruise ships for the planned Dover waterfront.

Assistant Recreation Director Krista Trefethen:

1. All summer programs (Camp Kool and the playground programs) are basically full.
2. Jeff Leaf's theater camp at the Dover City Hall Auditorium is full and has approximately thirty-two participants.
3. Track and Field program going well. Practice meet is on June 14. Regional meet is on June 21.
4. Outdoor education Coyote Club finishes June 16. Campers are kindergarten through grade 4. Went great. Starts again in the Fall.



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5. Fitness Center is in good shape. As mentioned in previous monthly meetings, the introductions of volleyball and badminton have generated a new volume of participants. The gym is also being used for popular fitness classes.
6. The Senior Center going great; ping pong, applying for a Pickleball grant (for equipment). Pickleball is very popular with seniors, in Florida, etc.
7. Day trips are all full. Looking to add more trips for August and forward.
8. Linda Jarvis took fifty-two people to Faneuil Hall and the Blue Man Group recently.
9. Upcoming trips: The Lion King at The Opera House, lobster cruises, casino trips, and a Fall trip to Austria.
10. For 2015, day trips, trips to Colorado and The United Kingdom, etc. are being planned.
11. A lot of seniors are widows, widowers, or simply new to the community.
12. Golf starts on June 12, one morning a month at either Rochester Country Club or Nippo Lake course. The courses donate the time. Attendees have to be a member of The Dover Senior Center.
13. Dover Bowl also kindly donates time/lanes, as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget:

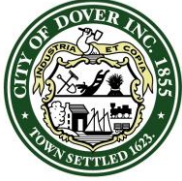
Thanks extended to John O'Connor for help in advocating at the Dover City Council, on behalf of the next Recreation Department budget.

Gary's budget was basically adopted as submitted; still approximately \$100,000 less than four years ago. The new budget is up 2% over the prior year. The city manager and council effectively did not tinker with the budget.

One item of concern is the Siemens environmental controls at the Dover Indoor Pool; installed in 1996. \$8,600 estimated replacement cost. The Siemens software does not talk to controller(s). Gary was given approximately \$5,975 towards what is considered as a critical upcoming change. This is also a citywide problem, to the cost estimate of \$150,000.

Skate Park:

A specific line in the budget allows the Dover City Manager to spend \$20,000 of Dickinson funds for skate park-related improvements. The skate park group will build a half-pipe this summer. Cost will be \$12,000 to \$14,000. Labor will be free (i.e., volunteers). The cost to but a half-pipe half the size of the planned improvement would have been \$33,000.



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Henry Law Park Project Status:

Gary is meeting with Dover Rotary for money on Tuesday to help close the \$100,000 budgetary gap. Total project budget will then be \$450,000.

General plan: Fall 2014 will be demolition phase. Spring 2015 will be construction phase.

Jon Towle mentioned that Henry Law Park was being heavily used last weekend, which surprised him. Jerry Newcomb added to the comment, with additional examples.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Meeting Schedule:

Gary asked if we should skip a month. Jerry Newcomb advocated skipping July. Joe Tenuta sought input. Jon Towle also advocated skipping July. The board agreed to cancel July's meeting.

Other Items:

Shaw's Lane dispute regarding dogs:

Gary Bannon mentioned there is a dispute with one woman regarding the dog ordinance restrictions. Gary Bannon is working with the City Attorney. Krista mentioned that the next contentious public issue is most likely to be e-cigarettes.

Dover Ice Arena Repairs:

Gary Bannon mentioned that some rubber fittings in the refrigeration of the second ice sheet were replaced. Ice is taken out for five weeks every year in May/June for refitting and repainting. June is a money-losing month annually, so this month is used for the repair work.

ADJOURN:

Scott Kelley motioned. Stanly Kaubris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2014.

Adjourned at 8:02pm

Respectfully,
Richard Johnson