

CITY OF 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: Tuesday, July 13, 2015
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Kelley at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

Recreation Assistant Director: Krista Trefethen

Recreation Board Members in Attendance:

Scott Kelley, Chair

Stanley Kaubris, Vice-Chair

City Council Liaison: John O'Connor

Mara Allaire, Unanimously Appointed Secretary in lieu of Richard Johnson's resignation

Recreation Board Members Not in Attendance:

Wayne Boucher

Richard Johnson – no longer with Recreation Advisory Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting are still with Rich Johnson.

The minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting were approved.

CITIZENS FORUM

Not applicable

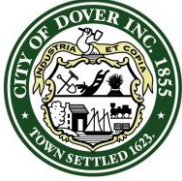
REPORTS

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

Not applicable.

RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON:

1. Overall, the Recreation budget is good.
2. The Capital Improvements budget is due in two weeks.
3. The General fund is going to be 'wait and see until the school funding is determined.
4. The indoor pool lighting got approved to have a source funding through the Smart Start Program which funds it through the savings you get from the operations LED lights and it looks great. The Recreation Department is getting an estimate on the McConnell Center, on the number of fixtures, how many light bulbs often need to be changed, etc.
5. Going to LEDs is ten-years' light. This will go to next calendar years project list.
6. The Arena was the first one to be the test case.
7. The 4th of July Program this year featured the performance of the 39th Army Band at the Rotary Arts Pavilion, from 7 to 9 p.m., free to the public. The Band wishes to come back next year. The food and novelty vendors worked out fine and there was a good assortment. The only slight problem we had was with the fireworks:
 - a. The location and trying to get the right angle.



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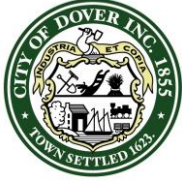
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- b. There was an issue with the technician sent by the Fireworks Company which has always been a good company, but this year it was not as good as expected. The technician was using the old style of ignition by flare.
- c. There were about 10,000 people attending the Dover 4th of July celebration. The parking was completely filled out.
- d. For the future there is a backup plan of a different location. First the trees will go. Once that happens, the sooner the better, we will have a clearer view in Maglaras. Gary is hopeful of this.
- e. The other backup plan is Garrison Hill. For this location, Gary is kind of caught between a rock and a hard place. Gary is open to get ideas for a good show.

ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN:

1. This is the first year the Hershey Track Program is no longer happening. There is still a regional meet which this year was in Dover last Tuesday, July 7. We have 21 going to the State meet in Pelham. Camps are going well. We lost 2 days to rain for the playgrounds program.
2. Camp Kool is well and pretty much full.
3. Fitness Center membership sold 717, a significant increase from previous years.
4. Replaced 2 bikes and 2 treadmills.
5. All numbers continue going up.
6. Theater/Music one-day camp week of 6/22 and two camps for the older kids filled out right away. These camps were held at the City Hall Auditorium.
7. The Senior Center is happy now that we have a full-time Senior Center Coordinator. Linda Jarvis is the full-time coordinator. FY15 membership sold 101 more than FY14. 5,997 participated in FY15. Compared to 3,000+ in 2012.
8. Golf last week; alternate once a month, 7 a.m. tea time with folks.
9. Pickle Ball - playing indoors since October. A beginners program has been added to get new people playing for the last 3 Mondays—it is going really well.
 - a. There will be pickle ball outdoor courts in 3 weeks at Garrison. Gary just talked to the contractor today. The tennis nets come down on Wednesday, July 15.
 - b. We have a great group and it just keeps getting bigger; so, they are looking forward to the grand opening soon.
 - c. They will go back indoors in the winter since there are so many going to Florida. So, it will work out well.
 - d. NH One News is coming to film a program in the morning tomorrow and it will be in TV.
10. A trip to the Kinky Boots show in Providence, RI is on the schedule.

11. We are going on a Lobster Cruise a week from Wednesday, July 15.



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12. The Casco Bay cruise is full. Krista added a second bus. So, they will be sending 2 full buses in August and September trips.

13. There will be Paris & Normandy Cruises in October.

OLD BUSINESS

HENRY LAW PARK PROJECT STATUS:

1. It is now with engineering contractor. It is due to have a plan drafted and bid out by end of this summer. They have surveyed it. Now we are figuring out what we need to do with the Gundalow. We want to get the best value for this.
2. The goal is going to bid in August and get it approved in September. Hopefully we start to break ground in October, and complete it in 2016 so that it is ready to roll in the summer of 2016. The budget figures get to play a role here. Overall it is in good shape.
3. Working with Children's Museum and engineers' assistance. Gary is getting questions from people that were involved in the past. So, he plans to put something in writing soon.

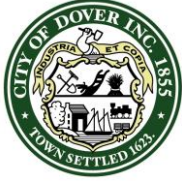
SKATEPARK EVENT AND RAMP COMPLETION:

1. There was an Open House last competition around Memorial Day weekend. There was a great turnout, great crowd. The ramp is great. The park has been very well kept. Overall it is a good project. Did well with the money and a donation of a good amount of money from the Skatepark committee helped to get it done.
2. Gary would love to do something to recognize the group of people that had worked on this project.
3. On Opening day, there were professional skateboarders. The ramp can do that as it is designed to be used by all, and the best people. Gary had the building inspector take a look at it and he found no issues.
4. There are also bikes there.
5. Gary will put something together for recognition/proclamation to the Council.
6. The Arts Commissioner is going to work with that group to design what gets put there for murals. They have to have a channel for communication through for ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER PROGRAM PLANS:

1. Everything is running.
2. We are in the 3rd week of camp.
3. Gary is trying to incorporate the USS Norfolk Crew members. The person with whom Gary has been working has been reassigned. So, it changed his schedule as he originally was going to be with us until November. Gary is now working with another crew member. Tomorrow, July 14, they have a picnic in Eliot at 7:15pm.
4. Programmatically, the end of the summer will be here very quickly.



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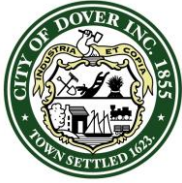
5. There has been a little lower number in playgrounds. Other than that numbers are very solid.
6. The Recreation Department tried to hold a dance camp. There is a lady that does a lot of swing dancing, but this is something to put in the agenda. We are in good shape for now.

PARK REVIEW LISTS:

1. The Recreation Advisory Board may have to wait until there is more membership to assign. Topic is tabled for a later date.
2. Some members if they drive around, they can stop by the parks and check the status.
3. Krista says we hear a lot from the leagues for parks like Woodman Park, Garrison, Maglaras, etc. So, those parks do not need members' visitations.
4. It will be good to check Hancock or Amanda Howard parks.

FOCUS FOR FALL DISCUSSION:

1. Part of the court resurfacing contract to re-do Woodman Park basketball court. Two years ago a memorial donation of \$3,000 was given to the Recreation Department. So, part of this money would like to use for upgrading the park itself and have a plaque saying: "In Memory of. Jarrett Hudson"
2. The Recreation Department also hopes to have some volunteers. The main thing is: Basketball stands are nearly 20 years old..
3. Horne is okay; Long Hill looks good; Garrison looked the worst;
4. The HS Project: The Recreation Department will get more involved with that because of the fields, gyms, etc.; the city will get some access too. The Garrison gym was done at a higher level because Rec could use it. The Horne Street gym was renovated well because Rec uses it. Some things that we have in a gym will need to be moved to another location.
5. The athletic field: The Recreation Department has been waiting for a decade to get an artificial turf field in the City. If the field isn't built now it may never be done. We need to inform the leagues about his (programs to utilize on top of the schools, there is no room for growth and it has maxed out). Dunaway Football field has only 40 users allowed per year. More teams are going to Saint Thomas Aquinas for example. The city is growing, there are more demands, and we cannot build anything else.
6. Dover Businesses List: Stan and Chair Scott Kelley are weeding out the old businesses list and they will present it to the rest of the Advisory Board so that we can start generating a list of businesses that we can sort of mass-market Dover Recreation activities/causes. Perhaps we can target them at the beginning of the year— we will try to be more proactive rather than reactive.



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7. Political Campaign Issues: Krista and Gary will be more involved with the political campaign visits this fall. The users get billed for the facility and any issues that arise; they are billed after the fact. This type of events affects all sorts of moving parts.

ADJOURN:

Chair Scott Kelley motioned.
Stan Kaubris seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
Adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully,
Mara Allaire