

**Dover Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting of July 8th, 2009
Minutes**

P&R Commissioners In Attendance: Peter Davies, Scott Seidman, John Budd

P&R Employees In Attendance: Jessica Cooney, David MacTavish

Guests: Bill Seamore with Gale Associates Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40am.

Prior Meeting Minutes

June Minutes were not available as Nancy Simms was absent from this meeting and had the minutes.

Gale Associates – Field Development

Gale provided the commission with a presentation about who they are and their ideas for our proposed project at Caryl Park. Details regarding a new Turf field were discussed including the following:

- Estimated life span with current technologies of a Turf Field is about 14 years.
- There is a 8 year guarantee on the breakdown of the turf.
- A suggestion was made if the project was to move forward that a 3rd party warrantee be issued in our name with the contractor as so many companies are coming and going with turf.
- Gale has a large team of staff so they are able to handle many aspects of the project if it takes place.
- Estimated turf costs: \$5.25 per square foot for best product on market today, \$3.25 per square foot for cheapest option.

Gale expressed that the Design Development Stage is the most expensive and would give specific plans and have bid documents laid out. The summary that Gale has already provided us with goes only up until the Design Development Stage. Funding is needed to complete the next stage.

Funding:

Gale expressed how 65% of their clients are Public Agencies. They expressed having the project funded privately makes the process easier because 1. you do not have to pay prevailing wage 2. you get a better contractor 3. you get the project done faster 4. you pay less 5. you have more control over what you want because you get away from the bid process.

A brief discussion was had with the commission regarding funding options. Commission is going to look into the possibility of collecting private donations within the town for renovations to Caryl Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.