

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas J. Iwicki called the meeting to order at 7:15pm as follows:**

“In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Laws, I do hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publication of the Annual Meeting Schedule in the local newspaper and copy sent to the Town Administrator.”

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Chairman Tom Iwicki, Vice-Chairman Jerry Hoffman, Denise Ridner (8:20pm), Victor Rodriguez, Halashon Sianipar, Ida Ramos, Luis Acevedo, Barbara Sperry.

**Absent:** Jessica Reymundo

**Also Present:** Anna Bocchino & Rob Mains of Dover Strikers Soccer  
Dennis Bullock & Frank Poolas  
Alderwoman Cynthia Burbridge

**Public Portion**

**Motion:** Made by Victor Rodriguez to suspend regular order of meeting and open Public Portion.

**Seconded By:** Halashon Sianipar.

**All In Favor**                    **Motion Carried**

Frank Poolas came to the Recreation Meeting to discuss naming one field at King Field “ Tom Barth Memorial Field” and naming the complex “ King Park Complex”. The other three fields could then also be given names. When he was just ten years old, Tom Barth wrote a letter to Mayor Roach asking for a field at North Dover to play baseball. He was there for the ground breaking when the complex was created. He also pitched the first game which turned out to be a no-hitter.

Chairman Iwicki asked Frank Poolas about Mr. King and how he came to have the field named in his honor. Frank explained that Charlie King was well known, well-liked and did a lot for the children of Dover.

Frank explained Tom Barth ran the Music Box store in Dover. He gave a packet of information to Chairman Iwicki. Dennis Bullock said he would like to do a fundraiser/clinic in the memory of Tom Barth where half the funds would go to pay for the clinic and the other half would go to the foundation for Tom Barth. He explained that if Tom Barth had never written the letter, the town would not have a field to play on. Dennis Bullock said the other amazing fact is he pitched the first game on the field and he pitched a no hitter and therefore he felt he truly deserved this honor.

Chairman Iwicki said the administration of Little League would need to be consulted. He said we will come up with something. Barbara Sperry said Denise Ridner had told her some other people who have been involved in Little League for a long time, may be hurt by this dedication to Tom Barth and she felt Denise should be consulted.

Rob Mains said he was happy with the Halloween Costume Contest at the Dover High School. He thanked Recreation for a job well done, however, he expressed concerned about the out-of-town person winning an honorable mention. Ida Ramos said they asked each person at the door if they were a Dover Resident and had them sign in. Rob Mains said this person who got in has no relations in Dover and still won an Honorable Mention.

Mr. Mains said the Dover Middle School Boys Traveling Soccer Team has made it to County Championships.

Anna Bocchino said she had tryouts for Spring Soccer. She will have a U16 & U17 and a U9 & U10 and one girls team. (Peter Acuria has a U15.) They are extending the Fall Season to November 20, 2005. The U13 Boys are undefeated and have been outscoring other teams by 5 goals or more. Coach Porfidio is doing an outstanding job with the team and is highly respected by coaches from other towns. Anna said she was having Traveling & Recreation Soccer Registrations for Spring this weekend. Chairman Iwicki asked about registering with the State Soccer Association and paying \$5.00 extra per child which would benefit

them with added insurance and in playing tournaments. Anna asked who would pay the extra \$5.00? Chairman Iwicki said to add the \$5.00 into the registration fee. Anna said she would call and inquire about the program. Victor Rodriguez suggested Recreation pick up the bill for computer soccer program ([www.clubmaxcoaching.com](http://www.clubmaxcoaching.com)) which would benefit every one. Mr. Mains said this is a great educational tool for coaches and parents. Anna Bocchino spoke to Rockaway Valley and they will help her with fields for Spring Soccer. She will need a small field (the High School). Large field use will all be out of town.

Discussion took place regarding artificial turf. Barbara Sperry suggested the Soccer Organizations keep going to town meetings and ask for the Town's help.

Anna Bocchino said she told all her coaches to call the office to RSVP for the Sports Volunteer Night on November 7<sup>th</sup>. She will be getting rosters to Alice so she can type certificates and will need the date of November 19<sup>th</sup> on each certificate.

**Motion:** To return to the Regular Order of the meeting and suspend the Public Portion was made by Victor Rodriguez.

**Seconded By:** Jerry Hoffman

**All in Favor. Motion Carried.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dover Code of Conduct Ordinance** – Chairman Iwicki said there was no update from the Board of Ed.

**Policies & Procedures** Policies & Procedures were sent to all the sport supervisors. Chairman Iwicki said he would talk to the supervisors at Sports Volunteer Night.

**Park Signs for Overlook Park & Crescent Field** - Luis Acevedo reported the sign at Crescent Field is going in tomorrow and Overlook Park was done today. The Alcoa Plaque will be installed next week.

**U S Soccer Foundation Grant** –Application for Artificial Turf was forwarded to Paul McDougall. Luis Acevedo reported Mike Hantson and Paul McDougall will fill out the missing information and return to Barbara when complete. The grant application is for \$325,000. \$130,000 is still in the bond for improvements. The lights & artificial turf for the large field would be \$425,000. Luis Acevedo said Mike Hantson will see if we can do the field in phases, and keep the amount requested lower and then reapply next year. Discussion took place of hiring a grant writer to find other grants available.

Alderwoman Burbridge explained the role of the grant writer and discussed bonds and the bond rating of the Town. She said it requires 5 votes on the Board to approve bonding and she did not think 5 people on the Board could agree to bond.

Jerry Hoffman asked if Luis Acevedo or Alderwoman Burbridge could ask Paul McDougall to have a grant writer come to a Recreation Meeting and discuss grants and bonding with the Recreation Commission.

Barbara Sperry said she had Luis Acevedo ask Paul McDougall if Perry from Field Turf could come to a town meeting and give a presentation.

**Electrical Service for JFK Park** – Commissioners discussed an estimate \$5,199.00 for decorative park lighting - for labor and materials submitted by Paul Sullivan.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Master Plan** – Discussion took place regarding upgrades & enhancing Water Works Park. New electrical service, handicap accessible restrooms and a picnic pavilion are needed along with a paved walkway. The ball field needs to be reconfigured and updated.

Victor Rodriguez asked for location of both Mountain Park and Randolph Park, which are listed in the Master Plan. Chairman Iwicki said pocket parks may seem appealing, however, maintenance becomes a problem due to shortage of manpower to take care of them.

Chairman Iwicki said information needs to be clear in the Master Plan and as specific as possible. All the parks need to be upgraded. He asked the Commissioners to read the Master Plan and give him any suggestions or changes, before the next meeting. He said they can email Barbara or Alice with suggestions and to be as specific as possible.

Discussion took place of putting a lighted billboard at Hurd Park.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Maintenance:**

**September & October Maintenance Reports** – Luis Acevedo reported on checking the parks for Safety Compliance and repairing fall zones. Leaves get picked up by 4 leaf vacuums. The schedule was sent out at the beginning of the year. Leaves get picked up through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Discussion took place of saving money by not picking up the leaves. Luis said the Town tried that several years ago; it was not successful and people complained.

Barbara discussed a switch for the exhaust fan in the Women's Room (in the DPW Building). Paul Sullivan told her there was a switch for the fan, however, it is located in the Men's Room. Luis said he makes sure the switch is on all day. The fan has a switch that turns off at 5pm.

Barbara also asked if insulation could be put in above her office. Luis said he could have insulation installed when Barbara is out of work due to her upcoming foot surgery.

**Personnel:**

Barbara on vacation week of Nov. 7th (7-9-10 vac. 8 & 11 holidays).

Alice using her vacation time to attend League of Municipalities Conference Nov. 15,16,17 & 18<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Program:** No report.

**Sports:****Dover Striker Rec. Soccer & Dover Striker Travel Soccer**

Chairman Iwicki reported on Soccer meeting with Peter Acuria and Johnny Lopez. He said there is genuine concern about the level of Soccer not making it to the high school. Victor Rodriguez felt there was a greater concern for Peter's daughter then there was for the success of the boy's teams. He said he read all three letters from Peter and felt he contradicted himself many times. He does not follow through on anything or shown any initiative. Chairman Iwicki said the Commission must make a decision to meet the needs in the best interest of the children.

Anna Bocchino said her secretary had sent letters to Peter requesting participation. She said he showed no interest and did not respond to any of their letters.

Discussion took place of the problems and issues stated in Peter's letters and the fact that he has not made any attempt to come to meetings or get involved with Dover Strikers.

Alderwoman Burbridge said Peter has not behaved appropriately and Recreation needs to take a stand. He should have attended tonight's meeting to work things out.

Barbara Sperry said Peter has come to our Recreation Board meetings and expressed fear that his group would not be accepted into the Dover Strikers.

Suggestion was made for Recreation to support one group and tell the other they will not have support. Barbara Sperry explained problems will still exist and complaints will still be made that Peter is stealing players, and Recreation will not have any jurisdiction over Peter's group.

Discussion that the Recreation Commission should send Peter a letter with some basic bullet points.

Denise Ridner suggested both groups be invited to a meeting and if Peter does not show up, then that's it, we are done. She said we have wasted so much time discussing soccer, when we could be doing other things. Chairman Iwicki asked the Commissioners to review the documentation, letters, and minutes from the soccer meetings that have transpired, and be prepared to make a decision. Barbara Sperry said Jessica Reymundo also had some input, but she is not here today.

Discussion took place regarding a PowerPoint presentation given by Peter at an earlier meeting. The Commissioners did not recall any such presentation to the Board.

Victor Rodriguez asked if there could be a cap put on how much we spend on each program? He said every year it seems the bills get higher that are submitted to Recreation to pay.

**Dover Little League** – Denise Ridner discussed investigating who the founding fathers of Dover Little League really are. She would like to have some research done and see who deserves to be honored.

**Midget Football** – Jerry Hoffman reported the season is over and they are having a banquet.

**Youth Basketball** – Barbara Sperry reported on the teams and need for coaches for Basketball. She also inquired About hiring the Court Jesters, a comedy basketball team to raise funds. Cost is \$3500.00. Commissioners felt it was too risky.

**Volleyball** – Barbara Sperry asked the Commissioners to assign a commissioner as liaison because Danielle resigned and a new commissioner needs to be appointed.

**Bowling** – Fall Program began on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Denise Ridner asked if the Commissioners could attend end of season event to hand out trophies. Denise to follow up with a date.

**Midget Wrestling** –No volunteer coaches to run program.

### **Special Events:**

**2006 Fireworks** – Money for 2006 Fireworks needs to be encumbered. There will be changes in the dates July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of July 7<sup>th</sup> (instead of the 5<sup>th</sup>) due to contractual problems. The West Morris Community Band available.

### **Trips:**

**Lancaster Shopping Trip** – Nov. 3 & 4 – Alice Gilbert to chaperone.

**Radio City Christmas Show** – Sun. -Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm Show - Leave Dover at 12 noon return approx. 9pm (sold 26 – 23 tickets available)

**Sport Volunteer Appreciation Night** – Monday – Nov. 7, 2005 – 7pm –Court Room. Cake & Coffee immediately following in Firemen’s Lounge–Alice will need help. Denise Ridner said she would be available to help. Jerry Hoffman, Ida Ramos, Victor Rodriguez said they would try to attend. Chairman Iwicki reviewed with the new Commissioners, this is the one night of the year which we honor the sport volunteers. He explained the Sport Volunteers of the Year will get a trophy and their name on a plaque to be hung in Town Hall. The other coaches receive a Certificate of Appreciation from their Sport Supervisors, issued by Recreation.

**Board of Education:** Lease still not signed – Last spoke to Fred Vanderhoof on 2/3/05.

**Dover Renaissance:** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is coming up. 5K run was also a success.

### **FINANCE:**

**Dover Community Center Funds** – Trust Acct. \$2,128.70

**Sr. Trips Transportation Fund** – Trust Acct. \$300 (Dover Craft \$100, Quiet Man \$200).

Commerce Bank will also donate.

**O/E Parks** to date (\$17,480.09) Bal. to date \$ 5,169.91

**O/E Recreation** to date (\$61,424.14) Bal. to date \$ 13,324.86

2006 Budget needs to be submitted to Treas. by 11/18/05.

Budget Meeting will be held on November 14, 2005 at 7:00pm with Victor, Jerry & Tom attending.

### **VOUCHER LISTS:**

**Motion:** To approve vouchers was made by Jerry Hoffman.

**Seconded by:** Denise Ridner

**All in Favor** **Motion Carried.**

### **MINUTES:**

**Motion:** To approve Minutes of October 6, 2005 was made by Halashon Sianipar

**Seconded by:** Jerry Hoffman

**All in Favor** **Motion Carried.**

### **Other Items for Discussion:**

**Electronic Community Board** can be leased, however is quite expensive (\$21,950.00 overall cost, lease monthly for \$497.00 per month.) Barbara discussed the distance limits for operating the computer to change the lettering.

**Soccer Computer Program** – Commissioners discussed putting money in the budget (\$500.00) to purchase the computer program discussed by Rob Mains and Anna Bocchino earlier in the meeting.

**Special Events Dates** – Barbara reviewed holidays and dates for special events. Discussion took place over the following dates:

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Commissioners decided would be Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> with rain date of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Rain location will be at DHS on the rain date (April 15<sup>th</sup>).

**Halloween Costume Contest** – Commissioners had to make a decision between Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Barbara asked for a show of hands for each date. Commissioners agreed to have the contest on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> due to low attendance on Friday this year, due to football game.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Iwicki reviewed correspondence with the Commissioners.

**Motion:**                   **To adjourn was made by Victor Rodriguez.**  
**Seconded by:**       **Denise Ridner**  
**All in Favor**           **Motion Carried.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.**