

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY – JULY 7, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas J. Iwicki called the meeting to order at 7:10pm 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:** Tom Iwicki, Jerry Hoffman (7:25pm), Danielle Lewthwaite, Halashon Sianipar, Luis Acevedo, Alice Gilbert for Barbara Sperry.

**Absent:** Maria Camacho, Denise Ridner & Victor Rodriguez.

**Also Present:** Alderman Patrick Fahy, Alderwoman Cynthia Burbridge and Rob Mains from Dover Strikers Soccer.

**Public Portion**

Chairman Iwicki suspended the Regular Order of the meeting and opened the Public Portion of the meeting.

Dover Strikers Representatives Rob Mains and Mark Jaeger were present to discuss their program. Mr. Mains said there are 25 teams, 4 travel teams and 21 other teams in Recreation Soccer. He said the opening day of Dover Strikers Soccer (Traveling and Recreation) will be on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**2006 Spring Soccer**

Chairman Iwicki reviewed that Alice Gilbert had spoken with Victor Rodriguez, who could not be present this evening and he suggested we hold separate “special” meeting to discuss only this topic and come to a decision. Victor asked for discussion to be tabled so he can be present. Chairman Iwicki said we have discussed the topic in the past, however, no decision has ever been made. Rob Mains said he believed it was Barbara Sperry who made the recommendation that Spring Soccer be closed.

Chairman Iwicki said he did not think we want to get the message out that we are completely disbanding Spring Soccer, however, we have discussed scaling it back to just Travel Soccer, due to our predicament with field shortage and overuse.

Mr. Mains said he felt that to eliminate a whole program or whole season of a program would be a great disservice to

the town and the children in the program.

Chairman Iwicki said most of the other towns do not have Spring Soccer. He explained Recreation has been turned down for the grant for the fields, and it has been determined that there are other towns who qualify for the grant, while we do not.

Chairman Iwicki said he feels we should try to keep Spring Soccer going because it has been one of the easiest Spring seasons we have had by far.

Jerry Hoffman said maybe we should contact the surrounding towns and see what kind of spring programs they have for soccer. He suggested having clinics, which only last a week instead of a complete season.

Chairman Iwicki said although we have over 20 teams in Dover Strikers Soccer, the High School does not seem to benefit from it, because you do not see the result in an outstanding Dover High School Soccer team.

He said he discussed with the Athletic Director, Mr. Venezia, the need for Dover High School Coaches to encourage the Recreation Sport Programs and support them.

Mr. Mains discussed the coaching staff for Soccer at the high school, stating he thought they were getting a new coach for soccer on the high school level.

Mark Jaeger said Anna Bocchino would like a letter from Dover Recreation stating Dover Strikers is the **only** organization that Recreation is supporting next year, because there are still problems with Peter Acuria. He has not returned any phone calls and has applied for Municipal Alliance funding, which should have gone to Dover Strikers. If Peter plans to be part of Dover Strikers Soccer, why has he applied for Municipal Alliance funding.

### **2006 Spring Soccer (continued)**

Chairman Iwicki said we have gone on record stating that Dover Strikers Soccer is the only organization Dover Recreation will support and he thought it was clear from discussions at the last few meetings.

Rob Mains and Mark Jaeger explained Peter Acuria offered to apply for the Municipal Alliance grant for Dover Strikers, however, they decided to have their secretary do the paperwork and now Peter has applied for the grant on his own.

Alderwoman Burbridge asked how Peter could apply for a grant for a supposedly “non-existent” group?

Chairman Iwicki said he felt it was clear that Recreation was supporting Dover Strikers only.

Discussion took place of Peter’s kids collecting money at Shop Rite for donations. Jerry Hoffman said he believed they were collecting for this Spring only.

Mark Jaeger said they are worried about what will happen next year. Peter asked for their phone numbers, yet he has not called them or returned their phone calls.

Chairman Iwicki suggested a mass mailing be done stating that any soccer registrations for Town of Dover Recreation Soccer must be done through Anna Bocchino and only through her.

Mr. Mains said if Peter would like to be an assistant coach, he is welcome to do so.

Mr. Mains reported on the “F” license training. He said the hot weather was the only problem, otherwise it went well. There were 43 participants. He said a second class will be held in August, once permission is received from the Board of Education.

### **FACILITY APPLICATIONS:**

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the following applications with the Commissioners:

**JFK Park – Sat., 7/23/05** – Centra Biblica of NJ – Church Outreach Play – 11am-3pm

**WWP – Saturday, 7/23/05 Monica Ospina** – Picnic – 35 People, no alcohol. - **(2:00pm – 7:00pm)**

**WWP – Thurs., 8/18/05** Band Booster Club Picnic **(4:00pm – 8:00pm)** - Approx 100

**CF, 2<sup>nd</sup> St., JFK – Mon.-Fri. – July & Aug. 10:30am-3:30pm** – Salvation Army Summer Day Camp – Approx. 40 kids. Discussion took place of why 3 locations are needed for a day camp with only 40 kids. The Commissioners agreed to approve the application for use of only one park and agreed it would be for JFK Commons Park only.

**MOTION:** To approve the above applications with change for Salvation Army to use only JFK Park for their Summer Day Camp made by Danielle Lewthwaite

**SECONDED BY:** Jerry Hoffman.

**ALL IN FAVOR** **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dover Code of Conduct Ordinance** – Chairman Iwicki said he had no update and would try to talk to Mr. Venezia regarding the Code of Conduct.

**Surveys of Spring Soccer & Policies & Procedures** – Alice Gilbert reported the following:

**Jefferson** – Sanctioned but they do not run the organizations and each has their own set of policies & procedures.

**Morris Plains** – no reply.

**Mine Hill** – Does not have any policies and procedures.

**Wharton** – Each sport group has their own policies & procedures.

Chairman Iwicki asked if Barbara could find out what Mine Hill Recreation has to offer their children and how active is their Recreation Department. Luis Acevedo said they do not advertise very well. They do not send out much

information to the kids in the schools. Little League is combined with Wharton. Football is combined with Rockaway.

### **Park Signs for Overlook Pk. & Crescent Field –**

Luis Acevedo said the sign for Overlook will be done in 2 weeks and then the Alcoa Plaque will also be installed in the vicinity of the sign for the park. Luis said after it is installed, we should arrange a ribbon cutting ceremony or dedication for Alcoa.

Discussion of sign size for Crescent Field took place. Luis said the sign has not been made yet and he would change the size to the larger one, and it should be done in a month.

**Sound System** – Halashon Sianipar to advise Barbara on portable microphone. Halashon said he did email Barbara some information and website address for her to review.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Maintenance:**

**June Maintenance Report** – Luis Acevedo reported the road is finished by the stripping tower. WWP ball field will begin once the summer program is finished. Alice Gilbert said the Summer Program counselors found drug wrappers at the park and reported it to the police. Chairman Iwicki asked if the police would patrol it more? Alice said she wasn't sure what the police response was.

**Personnel:** Barbara on vacation July 6-7-8, & Aug. 17-Sept. 2

#### **Summer Program:**

**Summer Registrations – N. Dover Pk. 55, WWP 60, Teens 16 = 131**

#### **Sports:**

**Youth Basketball** – Halashon Sianipar to report – Scott Mack will be holding a Basketball Clinic, DHS, Tues-Thurs., July 12- July 28<sup>th</sup>

**Volleyball** –season ended no report

**Bowling** – season ended no report

#### **Special Events:**

**Sr. Citizen Picnic-** Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – rain date Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> – Need helpers. May not have clam chowder due to J. Regelski out on disability. Jerry Hoffman said his son would come to the Sr. Citizen's picnic. Halashon & Danielle both have to work.

**Diversity Day – Saturday, August 20, 2005 at JFK Park** – Halashon to email Barbara as to what he would like her to put on website & in newspaper and on Cablevision.

#### **Fireworks**

Total proceeds this year was \$4056.10 (\$428.50 more than last year). Discussion took place regarding changes for next year. Commissioners agreed that it worked much better at the side gate. It was much more organized and easier to control the crowd with the police officers checking their bags before they entered to pay. Discussion took place of not having the kiddie rides in the future because they were not missed.

Jerry Hoffman suggested next year we invite the Fire Chief and Police Chief to the June meeting to go over a preliminary plan for the fireworks. He said to put a reminder in the file for next year to invite both chiefs for a review of the site. He also suggested having people enter the side gate and exit the other gate by the school.

Mr. Mains said he believed it would still be under construction for the next 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Discussion took place of the shooting incident and the negative publicity generated by the Daily Record. Luis Acevedo said his crew punched out at 10:45pm. The incident happened much later and had nothing to do with the fireworks. The commissioners all agreed the headline was misleading and led people to believe the shooting was related to the Fireworks.

## Trips:

**Newark Bears Dover Day** - June 10<sup>th</sup> – Went well – Parents & kids had great time. Approx. 125 attended. Chairman Iwicki said he enjoyed the game and the fireworks were excellent. His only complaint was that they made everyone dispose of bottled water and soda and would not let them carry anything in.

**Atlantic City Sr. Trip –Fri., July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Taj Mahal - \$25 (\$15 comp) – Alice said the Seniors wanted this trip, However, the turnout was poor due to the price being higher. The gas prices went up and the bus is more expensive this year. Last year it cost the Seniors \$15.00 and they received \$15.00 back. This year it costs \$25.00 and they only received \$15.00 back.

**Lancaster Shopping Trip** – Nov. 3 & 4 – Alice to chaperone only. Chairman Iwicki asked if this is the same group of Seniors. Alice said no, this trip is not for seniors only.

**Radio City Christmas Show Booked** – Sun. -Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm Show

## **Board of Education:**

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

## **Dover Renaissance:**

**Concerts start Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** - Dover H.S. Alumni Jazz Band to perform.

Port A John will be delivered Friday morning - July 8<sup>th</sup>- will be locked when not in use.

## **LONG RANGE PLANS:**

Chairman Iwicki said Barbara would be sending out a letter asking for organizations to partner in making donations to offer Senior Citizens some form of recreation within their means. To show gratitude for the donations, the Town of Dover would thank the organizations on a new lighted bulletin board to be placed at either JFK Park or Hurd Park. Alice Gilbert distributed letter to commissioners for their review. Jerry Hoffman suggested sending the letter out to anyone and everyone including the Police and Fire Departments.

Discussion took place of bonding for artificial turf in a manner similar to the plans for Freedom Park in Randolph. Chairman Iwicki suggested the Board come up with a plan and present it to the Mayor and Board.

Alderman Fahy asked if there was any update on the SHARE grant? He said he was contacted by the Mayor of Victory Gardens. Chairman Iwicki said there was no update. He said we need to figure out what services we can share with Victory Gardens, which would qualify for a grant

## **FINANCE:**

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

O/E **Parks** to date (\$ 5,641.05) Bal. to date \$16,808.95

O/E **Recreation** to date (\$12,775.48) Bal. to date \$18,344.52

## **VOUCHER LISTS:**

**MOTION:** To approve voucher list made by Danielle Lewthwaite.

**SECONDED BY:** Jerry Hoffman

**ALL IN FAVOR** **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jerry Hoffman said to be sure to reserve the Show mobile for next year's fireworks. He said to remind Barbara to fill out paperwork for next year.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To approve June 2, 2005 Minutes as written was made by Jerry Hoffman  
**SECONDED BY:** Danielle Lewthwaite.  
**ALL IN FAVOR** **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the correspondence with the Commissioners.

**Colombian Festival**

Colombian Festival will be held at 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Park on July 24, 2005. Luis Acevedo met with Colombian Club members and went over the site set up. Jerry Hoffman asked about where the food vendors would be located and expressed concern about problems with grease spills. Alice Gilbert said it is noted on their permit that they will be billed for any expense incurred by DPW for clean up or damage done to the field.

Discussion took place of Casa Puerto Rico having something outside a few weeks ago and it was so loud. Jerry Hoffman asked if they were issued permits. Alderwoman Burbridge said they get permits from the town. Alderman Fahy said they get a one-day permit for alcohol. Alderman Fahy said he did not believe they had to get a sound permit for their event. He said he did believe Club Colombia got a sound permit because he remembered the police checking for decibels when they received complaints in the past.

**Minutes of Recreation Meetings** - Mr. Mains said he felt the Minutes of the Recreation Commission meetings should be posted on the Town of Dover Website, as well as notice of next meeting so the public can be kept informed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** To adjourn was made by Danielle Lewthwaite.  
**SECONDED BY:** Jerry Hoffman  
**ALL IN FAVOR** **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.