

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012 – 7PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Victor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:07pm 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.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Rodriguez, Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland, Commissioner Joan Bocchino, and Commissioner Junior Carmona (7:23pm).

Absent: Commissioners: Don Fritch, Peter Gori, and Mark Jaeger.

Also Present: Alderwoman Carolyn Blackman, Mr. Michael Scarneo, Liaison from Dover Board of Education, Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent and Alice Gilbert, Secretary.

PUBLIC PORTION

MOTION: To suspend Regular Order of Meeting and open Public Portion to anyone wishing to be heard from the public was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one replied.

MOTION: To close the Public Portion and return to the regular Order of the Meeting was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MARCH 8, 2012 MEETING

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the Minutes of March 8, 2012 with Commissioners.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 8, 2012, as written, was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino.

Roll call vote was taken.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the Bills/Voucher List with Commissioners. He asked if there were any questions. Alderwoman Blackman asked what the voucher for the Arc, Morris County was for. Commissioner Bocchino explained the voucher made payable to The Arc, Morris County. Her son participates in programs for children with special needs and has benefited greatly from the programs provided by McArp.

APPROVAL OF BILLS VOUCHER LIST

P.O. #	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
12-00478	S&S Recreation	Summer Recreation Supplies, Games, Balls, Crafts	\$ 411.61
11-02535	WB Mason	Printer Cartridges - 2011 bill	\$ 235.85
12-00460	The Arc, Morris County	Special Needs Recreation Fair Share Assessment	\$ 2,460.00
12-00839	Municipal Toy	Easter Jelly Bean Tubes	\$ 360.00
12-00330	R&R Trophy & Sporting Goods	Yellow t shirts for Summer Recreation Program	\$ 478.92
12-00237	Progressive Tours	June 22 nd bus trip to 9/11 Memorial	\$ 700.00
11-00747	CDW-G	Parts for printer 2011 bill	\$ 192.92
12-00611	Nancy Hagerich	Senior Program Expenses January & February	\$ 51.62
12-00628	Recorder Publishing - Citizen Newspaper	Recreation Meeting Dates	\$ 15.04
12-00678	Alice Gilbert Reimbursement	9/11 trip refreshments Receipts to be submitted to treasurer	\$ 100.00
		Total	\$5,005.96

MOTION: To approve the Bills/Voucher List was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland.

Roll call vote was taken.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PORTION:

MOTION: To reopen the Public Portion and Suspend Regular Order of Meeting was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

**Joan Hoyt
Princeton Ave. Dover**

Mrs. Hoyt discussed the field at Water Works Park. She also discussed field conditions at Crescent Field, and the embarrassment for the town when outsiders come to play and the field is in terrible condition. Chairman Rodriguez explained the town was securing permits at Hedden Park through the Morris County Park Commission and that would relieve some of the issues with adequate field space.

Adam Persano

16 Greenwood Ave, Dover

Mr. Persano expressed his concern that fields were not being used efficiently and asked if there were any plans in the future to create multi-use fields?

Chairman Rodriguez said there are not any plans to fix any fields or create multi-use fields that he is aware of. He said Little League and Spring Track are priorities because they are the sports of the season. He explained in the past there has been no problem with obtaining permission to use Board of Education property, however this year it was not approved.

Michelle Vega

63 Dickerson Street, Dover

Ms. Vega asked about plans to repair the fields. Chairman Rodriguez said Mr. Acevedo has stepped out of the meeting, and holds the answer to maintenance questions. Discussion also took place about permission to line the fields, and Chairman Rodriguez said Mark Jaeger has been given instructions about lining the fields.

Daniel Martinez

57 Spring Street

Mr. Martinez asked how the sport in season is determined. Chairman Rodriguez said the same schedule is followed as determined by the high school sports schedules.

Mr. Martinez also expressed his concern about the field conditions at Second Street and Water Works Park has concrete and rocks on it.

Chris Jaeger, Dover Strikers Soccer

430 Quaker Church Rd, Randolph

Ms. Jaeger asked why Water Works Park was never set up. Discussion took place regarding who would be allowed to play at Hedden Park. She was told that both Recreation and Travel Soccer would be allowed. Chairman Rodriguez said he was only told that Recreation Soccer could play there. Permits have not been received as of yet.

Alderwoman Blackman said communication needs to be better among everyone involved. She told Ms. Jaeger to contact Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent and explain what is needed. She replied that she has communicated with him, and now it is April 19th and they are still asking for a field.

Luis Acevedo said he had explained to Mark Jaeger, President of Dover Strikers Soccer that they were waiting for permission from the Board of Education to set up the fields. He did not know they would be denied, because that has never happened before, so fields were not set up.

Chairman Rodriguez said he would be willing to give them the small field on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays. He agreed to email Luis Acevedo and Chris Jaeger so that no miscommunication would take place.

Natalie Martinez

57 Spring Street, Dover

Ms. Martinez said she was glad they could work out an agreement about use of Second Street practice field; however, she is still concerned about safety of the field, especially because there is no grass.

Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent addressed the issue of field overuse. He said the town is looking is looking at putting in another turf field, but until the plans are finalized, he is working on getting the grass to grow; however, overuse is a major problem.

Ms. Martinez asked if there is anything the parents can do? How can they be part of the solution?

Commissioner Bocchino discussed getting the town to create a Recreation Tax as a solution. She also said we need more staffing and discussed Alice Gilbert having to work at Town Hall each day. She suggested parents go to a Freeholder's meeting and ask for use of fields at County Parks, such as Greystone Park.

Michael Scarneo
Board of Education, Liaison

Mr. Scarneo discussed use of facilities approved by the Board of Education through the end of 2013. He said he will provide the Recreation Commission with a schedule of when fields can be used.

Joan Hoyt
Dover Strikers Soccer

Mrs. Hoyt asked if parents should call the police when they see people using the fields without permission. Chairman Rodriguez said yes, please call the police.

Chris Jaeger
Dover Strikers Soccer

Ms. Jaeger asked about security at Hedden Park and who do they call. Luis Acevedo said to call the Park Police and have them remove anyone using the field without permission. Also, removal and set up of goals by Mark Jaeger was discussed.

Daniel Martinez
57 Spring Street

Mr. Martinez asked if signs could be posted and cones put up to keep off Second Street Field.

Luis Acevedo said he could provide signs and cones.

MOTION: To close Public Portion and return to Regular Order of Meeting was made by Commissioner Carmona.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senior Citizen Committee - no report.
- b. Sport Committees - no reports.
- c. Monthly Maintenance Report/DPW Superintendent Luis Acevedo reported on general field and park maintenance issues.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

EASTER EGG HUNT AT JFK PARK No suggestions or changes for next year. Neighbor news covered the event - pictures were in last week's paper.

9/11 Memorial & South Street Seaport Bus Trip on June 22, 2012 – SOLD OUT

Fireworks on July 3, 2012 Chairman Rodriguez tabled decision to vote on contracts from D&M Fireworks and Garden State Fireworks.

Summer Recreation Program – Chairman Rodriguez said there will not be a rain location and pricing will remain the same.

5 trips are planned – Bronx Zoo, Lewis Morris Park, Liberty Science Center, Mountain Creek and Dorney Park.

Facility Use Applications: Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following applications with Commissioners:

Board of Education

- 1) Liana Lewis, coach and supervisor of Dover Recreation Spring Track requests use of Hamilton Field track for training. See attached dates and times - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 7:30 pm May 15th thru June 7, 2012. - **denied**
- 2) Dover Recreation application for use of North Dover School for Summer Recreation Program on rainy days only from June 25th thru August 10th from 8:15am to 4:30pm (see attached dates and times). - **denied**
- 3) Dover Recreation application for use of Hamilton Filed Complex on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 with Rain date of Friday, July 6, 2012 from 11:00am to 11:30pm for Annual Fireworks Display & Celebration. **Approved - with condition that no one is allowed on turf field.**
- 4) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Travel Soccer/NJ Youth Soccer Association requests use of Hamilton Field Turf from April 1, 2012 to June 24, 2012 on Sundays from 9am to dark, weather permitting, for soccer games and practice. - pending
- 5) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Travel Soccer/NJ Youth Soccer Association requests use of Dover High School JV field/ small sided field for Spring and Fall Soccer from February 18, 2012 thru December 2, 2012 see attached dates and times for training and games. - pending
- 6) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Travel Soccer/NJ Youth Soccer Association requests use of Hamilton Field grass field from February18, 2012 to June 30, 2012 (see attached dates and times) from 9am to dark, weather permitting, for soccer practice. - pending
- 7) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer/ requests use of Dover High School JV field for Spring and Fall Soccer from February 18, 2012 thru December 2, 2012 see attached dates and times for practice and games. - **denied**
- 8) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer requests use of Hamilton Field grass field from February18, 2012 to June 30, 2012 (see attached dates and times) from 9am to dark, weather permitting, for practice. - **denied**

Town Property - approved by Town Administrator

- 1) Marcus Ippolito of 13 Overlook Ave, Randolph has been approved for use of King I on 3/24; 3/30, 3/31, 4/1, 4/14, 4/15 (various times listed) for In the Zone Angels, 10 year old baseball team games.

Town Property – need approval by Recreation Commission

- 2) Sylvia & Alex Lugo of 87 Beech Street, Dover, NJ have applied for use of Water Works Park Picnic Area and Ball field on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for family picnic. No alcohol will be served; no sound system will be used. Insurance certificate has been provided. Fee is \$100.00 and security deposit is \$100.00.
- 3) Maria Tchinchinian of 30 Hillcrest Avenue, Dover and Boy Scout Troop 1923 has requested use of Water Works Park Picnic Area and Ball Field on Saturday, June 3, 2012 from 9:00am to 5:00pm for Boy Scout Court of Honor BBQ. No alcohol served, no sound system required. Insurance certificate provided.
- 4) Beatriz Villada, Board Chairwoman of Club Colombia has applied for use of Crescent Field Second Street side, Softball field & Basketball Court area, for Colombian Festival from

8:00am to dusk. In addition to \$2500.00 bond to be posted with Treasurer the following fees will be collected for the event:

**Breakdown of Fees for 2012 Colombian Festival
(as per attached Fee Schedule/Resolution)**

Description of Fee	Amount
Resident/In town registration fee over 200 in attendance	\$500.00
Alcoholic Beverages	\$350.00
Amplified Sound System	\$150.00
Fee per Food/Non Food Vendor (8 @ \$50.00each)	\$400.00
Event Fee(Resident) (12 hours @ \$25.00/hr)	\$300.00
Inspection Fee (Pre & Post Event)	\$200.00
Total Fees due for Event	\$1900.00

Rather than waive the fee for the Boy Scouts a donation would be made.

He discussed Club Colombia Festival, stating there would be additional parking fees imposed by the Town Administrator.

MOTION: to approve applications #2, 3, & 4 was made by Commissioner Bocchino.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

New Business - Alderwoman Blackman made an announcement that the Mayor's Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 7:00am at Hurd Park. **Rain Date is Sunday, May 6, 2012.**

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn was made by Commissioner Carmona.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Gilbert, Secretary

Dover Recreation Commission