

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012**

**** MINUTES ****

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Victor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:04pm 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: Victor Rodriguez, Maribel Garland, Peter Gori (7:10pm), Donald Fritch, Joan Bocchino, Mark Jaeger.

Absent: Junior Carmona

Also Present: Alderwoman Blackman, Attorney Downs, Maria Santana.

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

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

No one from the public wished to be heard.

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

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gori.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2012 MEETING

MOTION: To approve Minutes of June 14, 2012, as written, was made by Commissioner Bocchino.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland.

Roll Call Vote was taken. All in Favor – 2 abstained – Chairman Rodriguez and Commissioner. Gori

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BILLS VOUCHER LIST

P.O. #	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
12-01355	Mt Freedom Printing	Summer Brochures	\$240.00
12-01197	D&M Fireworks	Deposit for July 3 rd	\$5000.00
12-01406	Rachel Allyn	Entertainment fireworks	\$1000.00
12-01345	<u>Madison Square Garden/Radio City Music Hall</u>	<u>2012 Christmas Show</u>	<u>\$1825.00</u>
		Total	\$8065.00

MOTION: To approve the Bills/Voucher list was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino.
ROLL CALL Vote was taken. All yes.
ALL IN FAVOR **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senior Citizen Committee – no report.
- b. Sport Committees
Mark Jaeger – wanted to know the status of Crescent Field.
Chairman Rodriguez provided some details (projected dates) for the project. Commissioner Jaeger noted that no one reached out to the teams or sport supervisors regarding the field.

Monthly Maintenance Report/DPW - Luis Acevedo was not present.

Discussion took place regarding the field use and improvements. Attorney Downs spoke on the improvement and bonding.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following.

9/11 Memorial & South Street Seaport Bus Trip on June 22, 2012 was a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and several people expressed interest in an adult trip to the Bronx Zoo in October when weather is cooler.

Fireworks on July 3, 2012 went well \$2696.00 taken in at gate. Thanks to Vice Chairwoman Garland, Commissioners Jaeger and Bocchino and Alderwoman Blackman for all their help to make the event a success. Alderwoman Blackman discussed more volunteers are needed for next year. Vice Chairwoman Garland suggested revisiting the fees. Entertainment was also discussed.

Summer Recreation Program – June 25, 2012 through August 10, 2012. 67 children registered and 5 staff members were hired. Program about bullying for children is being scheduled through the Prosecutor's office.

Senior Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2012 with rain date of Friday, September 7, 2012. Does the Commission want to see if we can secure the American Legion for a rain location this year: Nick's will **not** be available to do the picnic this year. Alice has received price quotes from several caterers with NJ Bar & Grill coming in at \$10.99 per person, Picnics Unlimited is \$16.95 per person, House Party in Parsippany has package for \$13.95 per person, and Signature BBQs has a package at \$16.50 per person. DJ Rockin Rod will play music at no cost. Senior Committee (M Garland & P. Gori) needs to decide on a theme as soon as possible, so that supplies can be ordered. Letters requesting donations will be sent out early next week. Commissioners tabled decision on food vendors to find a local vendor. Alderwoman Blackman spoke with the legion to secure the rain location. Vice Chairwoman Garland and Commissioner Gori to meet to discuss a theme for the picnic.

Radio City Christmas Show Bus trip will take place on Monday, December 3, 2012. Tickets are for the first two rows of the third mezzanine. Cost is \$55.00 per ticket.

Facility Application - Town Property – tabled from last meeting Chairman Rodriguez reviewed and discussed each of the following with the Commissioners:

- 1) Mark Jaeger has applied for use of Water Works Park Ball field, Crescent Field - Large & Small Field, Second Street side and King III & King IV for soccer practice and games. - Dates to be attached.

MOTION: To approve application was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.

SECONDED BY: Chairman Rodriguez

Roll Call Vote Taken

All yes – Commissioner Jaeger abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

- 2) Pat Fahy has applied for use of Water Works Park Ball field, Crescent Field - Large & Small fields, Second Street side and King III & King IV for soccer practice and games.

MOTION: To approve application was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Fritch

Roll Call Vote Taken - All yes.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

- 3) Scott Mack of Dover Youth Football has applied for use of King Field and Water Works Park for Football Practice from August 1, 2012 thru November 30, 2012 from 5:00pm to dark.

MOTION: To approve application was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gori

Roll Call Vote Taken - All yes.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

- 4) Johnny Espinoza of Real America Soccer Academy, 33 Union Street, Apt B, Dover has applied for Crescent Softball Field and Small soccer field from July 7, 2012 through November 24, 2012 from 6pm to 7pm for Soccer Practice – would like one day of week and Saturdays from 9am to 10am. Has attached an insurance certificate. Application was turned in to administration office at Town Hall. After review of application and discussion, the Commission denied the application.

MOTION: To deny the application was made by Commissioner Jaeger.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland

Roll Call Vote Taken - All yes to deny application.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Michael Scarneo, Board of Education liaison presented the commission with a letter from the Board of Education and suggested the commission look into the definition of “sponsorship”.

PUBLIC PORTION

MOTION: To open Public Portion made by Chairman Rodriguez

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Joan Hoyt

Princeton Ave Dover

Mrs. Hoyt discussed the plans for multi purpose field at Crescent Field. She offered her time to put together a news letter with sports information and events twice a year and submitted a sample of the brochure.

Jose Carillo

Dover Strikers Soccer

Mr. Carillo discussed the field conditions and expressed his concern that children are at risk for injuries at Second Street field. Chairman Rodriguez stated that if there is a safety issues coaches should not allow play on the field. Mr. Carillo discussed lack of enforcement of permit only policy by the police department.

Jeff Hoyt
Princeton Ave

Mr. Hoyt also discussed plans for future of Crescent Field and said he looks forward to working with the Commission to move towards a positive direction.

Christine Jaeger, Secretary
Dover Strikers Soccer

Ms. Jaeger discussed problems with people using the fields without permits. She said police do not respond most of the time.

Joan Hoyt
Princeton Ave

Mrs. Hoyt suggested the small sided field be set up in the center of the field for the new improvements. Chairman Rodriguez said the bids are out but he is not sure of the specs.

Christine Jaeger asked if the bids (plans) can be viewed. Chairman Rodriguez answered yes at the town clerk's office.

Commissioner Bocchino suggested a recreation tax would solve some funding problems. She also discussed long term planning. She suggested contacting other towns to see how they deal with people using the fields without a permit.

Correspondence

- 1) Letter from Commissioner Jaeger to Commissioners.
- 2) Letter presented at meeting from Board of Education regarding sponsorship

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn meeting was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Gilbert, Secretary
Dover Recreation Commission