

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY
May 5, 2011
MINUTES**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order as follows at 7:10pm:

“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: Commissioners: Garland, Rodriguez, Jaeger, Bocchino, Carmona.

ABSENT: Commissioners Gori and Fritch

Also Present: Alderwoman Blackman
Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent\
Alice Gilbert, Secretary

PUBLIC PORTION

a) Meeting opened to Public for comment on business of the Board.

MOTION: To suspend regular order of the meeting and open meeting to the public was made by Chairman Rodriguez

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carmona

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

Scott Mack
President, Dover Youth Football & Cheerleading

Scott Mack discussed his concern about the demands put on volunteers and excess paperwork demanded by the Commission. He had two volunteers with him, Rashida and Tyrone Alston, and they have worked many hours trying to meet the requirements set by the Board. He expressed concern over losing volunteers.

Chairman Rodriguez explained all sports are being asked to meet the same conditions. He suggested advertising in paper and on website for more volunteers to help out with the football program.

Scott Mack also discussed delayed payment of Riddell bill for reconditioning of helmets last season. The bill was submitted in October and was only just getting paid this week. Scott said the same thing happened last year with bill from Schutt and he had to switch to Riddell because of the delay in payment. Chairman Rodriguez said he would speak to Town Administrator to see that it does not happen again this year.

Discussion took place about having Luis Acevedo ship the equipment to Riddell; however Scott Mack explained that he already shipped the equipment to the company in February.

Dominic Timpani
2 Elm Street, Dover

Mr. Timpani discussed the overtime paid to DPW workers for baseball and the neglect of the soccer fields. He said the soccer program has been in progress for six weeks and the fields are in poor condition. He expressed concern about the safety of children playing soccer on fields ridden with holes and rocks. Luis Acevedo, DPW discussed how the weather affected efforts to get the fields done and also stated there are plans in the future for another turf field.

Mr. Timpani said before plans go forward for another turf field, it needs to be taken into consideration that if another turf field is installed it will mean the town can no longer have events there, such as the Colombian Festival. This is the only location that can accommodate large festival type events.

Chris Jaeger
Dover Strikers Soccer

Chris discussed feasibility of making an application for use of the Soccer fields from January 1 thru December 1st to avoid conflicts in the future. She also discussed that permits are secured early and had the date of April 2nd and fields should be ready for play. She invited Vice Chairwoman Garland (soccer liaison) to attend the soccer meetings which are held at 8:00pm at the American Legion on Wednesdays.

Ben Park
2010 Summer Recreation Program Director

Ben discussed his concern over the possible discontinuation of the Summer Recreation Program and the possibility that price was a determining factor. He also was told the Neighborhood House in Morristown is sponsoring an inexpensive program in Denville, and some Dover parents were taking their children there.

Marlene Morgan
369 Washington Ave., Dover

Ms. Morgan expressed her concern over possible cancellation of the summer program because it provides a safe environment, trips and mentoring for her child. She asked the Recreation Commission to please consider keeping the program open.

Rhoda Myles
108 Oram Drive, Dover

Ms. Myles expressed her concern about possible cancellation of the summer program. She does not want her child to have to stay home this summer.

MOTION: To suspend regular order of the meeting and open meeting to the public was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carmona.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Open Meeting Minutes

Approval of **April 14, 2011 Regular Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of April 14, 2010 was made by Commissioner Jaeger.

SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS/VOUCHER LIST

<u>P.O. Number</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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11-00675	Rutgers University	Clinician Training - Mark, Victor, Alice	\$ 597.00
11-00793	Rutgers University	Clinician Training - Joan	\$ 299.00
11-00905	Alice Gilbert	Reimbursement - Easter items for tots	\$ 52.83
11-00925	Dover Board of Education	Custodial Charges for use of Hamilton Field for football games	\$ 660.00
		Total	\$1608.83

MOTION: To approve the bills/voucher list was made by Commissioner Jaeger.
SECONDED BY: Vice Chairwoman Garland
ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Senior Citizen Committee – no report.
- b. Sport Committees – no reports.
- c. Monthly Maintenance Report/DPW Luis Acevedo, DPW Supt. Reported he will meet with Field Turf next Tuesday to go over field repairs.

APPLICATIONS/FIELD USE

Town Property

- 1) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Soccer has requested use of **Water Works Park** on Saturday, June 18, 2011 with rain date of Sunday, June 19, 2011 from 8am to 5pm for a picnic for soccer players and coaches. No alcohol, no sound system.
- 2) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Soccer has requested use of **Water Works Park Picnic area and ball field, Crescent field large & small fields**, for soccer practice and games from August 1, 2011 thru December 4, 2011 from 5pm to dark weekdays and 9am to dark on weekends (see attached schedules of dates and times).
- 3) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer has applied for use of **Water Works Park Picnic area and ball field, Crescent field large & small fields** for soccer practice and games from August 1, 2011 thru December 4, 2011 from 5pm to dark - weekdays and 9am to dark on weekends (see attached schedules of dates and times).
- 4) Carla Armstrong, 5th grade teacher at Wharton Duffy Elementary school, has requested use of **Waterworks Park** on Friday, June 17th with rain date of Monday, June 20, 2011 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon for a school class picnic. As we have waived the fees in the past, she has requested we waive fees again this year. No alcohol, no sound system, no fire permit required. Insurance certificate is attached.

MOTION: To approve applications 1-3 was made by Commissioner Carmona.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino.
Roll Call taken: All Ayes, Commissioner Jaeger abstained.

MOTION: To approve application #4, waiving fee for Wharton Duffy School, was made by Commissioner Carmona.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino.
Roll Call vote was taken – all voted yes.
ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

Town Property

- 4) Scott Mack requested permission to use King Field Meeting Room on Thursday, May 12th and Friday, May 13th for football and cheerleading registrations from 6pm to 8pm.

MOTION To approve application for football and cheerleading to use the meeting room at King Field was made by Commissioner Carmona.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino

Roll call vote taken – all voted yes.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Education Property

- 1) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Soccer has applied for use of **Dover High School Auxiliary field** for soccer practice and games from August 1, 2011 thru December 4, 2011 from 5pm to dark weekdays and 9am to dark on weekends (see attached schedules of dates and times).
- 2) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer/NJ Youth Soccer Association has applied for use of **Dover High School Auxiliary field** for soccer practice and games from August 1, 2011 thru December 4, 2011 from 5pm to dark weekdays and 9am to dark on weekends (see attached schedules of dates and times).
- 3) Dover Recreation Commission requests use of **Hamilton Field Complex** (includes field house, snack bar, and restrooms) on Friday, July 1st with rain date of Friday, July 8, 2011 for Fireworks Celebration.

MOTION: To approve above applications 1-3 above, for use of Board of Education Property was made by Commissioner Bocchino.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carmona

Roll Call vote taken. Commissioner Jaeger abstained from 1 & 2.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Property - approved by Mr. Close

- 1) Scott Mack of Dover Youth Recreation Football & Cheerleading has applied for use of **King Field Meeting Room** on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for coaches meeting.
- 2) Adela Hernandez of Morris County Head Start, 18 Thompson Ave, Dover has applied for use of **Water Works Park**, Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 10:00am to 5:00pm for family picnic with approximately 200 attending event, no alcohol will be served, no sound system being used. Insurance certificate is attached.

Board of Education Property - Pending Approval

- 1) Scott Mack of Dover Youth Recreation Football & Cheerleading has applied for use of Hamilton Field House for football & cheerleading sign ups on Thursday, May 12, 2011, Friday May 13, 2011 and Thursday, May 19, 2011 and Friday, May 20, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Town Property - Pending

- 1) Junior Carmona of Back to Basics Baseball Camp has applied for use of King Field for Baseball camp from 6/27/11 to 7/1/11 and 7/4/11 to 7/8/11 and 7/11 to 7/15 from 9:00am to 2:00pm for Baseball Camp. Fee: \$1860.00 for use of the fields, as per last year. \$50.00 discount to Dover Residents. - pending.

Special Events:

- 1) Summer Recreation Program - 40 children registered as of 5/2/2011. Discussion tabled to end of agenda.
- 2) Easter Egg Hunt – Chairman Rodriguez stated next year we will obtain a permit for use of DHS cafeteria for rain location.
- 3) Fireworks/Concert: Friday, July 1, 2011 with Rain date Friday July 8, 2011
DJ Dr. J would like to donate his services in memory Maurice Banks who recently past away, from the Skyliners drum corps and to honor Dennis Ray. He would like us to put his name on any advertising or posters. He will contact Skyliners to see if they would like to play a patriotic song in honor of Mr. Banks.
- 4) Senior Picnic - Thursday, September 8, 2011 with rain date of Friday, September 9, 2011.
30th Anniversary, need to come up with something different to commemorate 30 years.
Chairman Rodriguez stated he appointed a committee for determining theme for Senior Picnic.

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed correspondence with the Commission as follows:

Correspondence

Received

- 1) Letter from Mr. Close to Dave Sgalia of H.O. Baker regarding Insurance Policy.
- 2) Flyer from Mr. Close for Mayor's Fishing Derby.
- 3) Emails regarding Easter Egg Hunt rain location from Mr. Close.
- 4) Email from Peter Gori regarding Summer Program. to be read into the record.
- 5) Email from Joan Bocchino in response to Peter Gori's email about the Summer Program.
- 6) Financial report from Rashida Alston and program from last season which has names and divisions in lieu of rosters.
- 7) Letter from Maria Tchinchinian regarding ideas for Summer Program.
Emails regarding Easter Egg Hunt rain location from Mr. Close.

Sent

- 1) Notices sent to Dover Public schools regarding Summer Program Registration.
- 2) Notice to newspaper regarding meeting date changes May 12th to May 5th and September 8th to September 15, 2011.
- 3) Emails to Chairman and Commissioners regarding Budget Information for Summer Program.

Summer Recreation Program

Chairman Rodriguez announced that Mayor Dodd supports the Summer Recreation Program and has approved for funds to be used from the Recreation Trust Account. He has also approved for the price to be reduced to \$300.00 per child. Anyone who has paid \$350.00 will be refunded.

MOTION: To approve the decision to keep the Summer Recreation Program and reduce the cost to \$300.00 per child was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carmona

Roll call vote was taken.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PORTION

MOTION: To reopen the Public Portion was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Bocchino thanked Marlene Morgan for her encouraging words earlier about the summer program.

Michael Terry
369 Washington Ave

Michael thanked the Commission on behalf of his mom and his friend because now they will have a place to go this summer.

Ginger Nee
65 Knickerbocker Ave. Randolph

Ms. Nee said she grew up in Dover and is an employee of the Town of Dover. She asked Chairman Rodriguez about the trust account. Chairman Rodriguez explained the account's purpose is to be used for trips and programs. He stated the summer employee salaries will be paid from this account.

Rhoda Myles
108 Oram Drive, Dover

Ms. Myles expressed her gratitude for the program cost being reduced to \$300.00 per child and thanked the Commission for their decision to keep the program.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if anyone else from the public wished to speak. Seeing no hands and hearing no voices, he asked for a motion to close the public portion.

MOTION: To close public portion and adjourn the meeting was made by Vice Chairwoman Garland.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carmona
ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 7:00pm in Court Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Gilbert, Secretary
Dover Recreation Commission