

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY  
December 9, 2010  
MINUTES**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited by all.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:06pm 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 Victor Rodriguez, Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland, Commissioners Peter Gori, Don Fritch, Mark Jaeger, and Alice Gilbert, Secretary.

**Absent:** Joan Bocchino, Junior Carmona

**Also Present:** Alderwoman Carolyn Blackman, liaison to Recreation

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**MOTION:** To suspend Regular Order of Meeting and open to Public was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Peter Gori.

**ALL IN FAVOR      MOTION CARRIED.**

Jeff Hoyt

102 Princeton Ave.

Mr. Hoyt voiced his concerns about possible cancellation of Spring Soccer.

Commissioner Fritch gave his opinion that one sport should not be continuous throughout the year.

Chairman Rodriguez said the discussion will cover all sports and programs, not just spring soccer.

Humberto Quinones

221 Penn Ave.

Mr. Quinones expressed his concerns about Spring Soccer.

Commissioner Peter Gori discussed his views about playing soccer year round..

Michelle Vega

62 E. Dickerson Street

Ms. Vega discussed use of the fields, looking at the agenda she questioned all the fields being utilized by one sport. She also discussed an incident which occurred last season at a T-ball game where parents were fighting

Dominic Timpani

2 Elm Street

Mr. Timpani voiced his concerns about the Summer Program and the decline in enrollment which he feels was directly related to the increase in fees and hopes the Board will take this into consideration when deliberating over the fee schedule for 2011.

Mr. Timapani also discussed the possible elimination of Spring Soccer and said he believes the parents in the Town of Dover should be permitted to vote on the decision.

Mayor James P. Dodd  
85 Linwood Ave.

Mayor Dodd thanked Chairman Rodriguez and the Recreation Commissioners for their hard work during the year and for volunteering their time. He said he believes the Commission will do what is in the best interest of the children of Dover and thanked everyone for a job well done.

Mary Inglis  
32 Rutan Drive

Mary said she is on the Executive Board for Dover Strikers Soccer and she has requested to have Mr. Rodriguez meet with the Executive Board and he has not. She said she is asking again to schedule a meeting.

Alderman Michael Picciallo  
142 N. Sussex Street

Alderman Picciallo discussed the possible elimination of spring soccer and asked the Commissioners when making the decision, please take into consideration that 70% of the population is Latin American and soccer is a sport which they enjoy and support.

Natalie Martinez  
57 Spring St.

Ms. Martinez thanked the Commission for volunteering their time for Recreation. She said she appreciates Mr. Fritch's opinion that one sport should not be played year round, however she agrees with Mr. Hoyt, the children want to play soccer, so they should be allowed to play. She said the public education system gives them some opportunities, but not enough. She also was in favor of having a field day which would allow children to try all sports. She said the Soccer program shapes the character of the children and makes them become better adults. She said it would be a disservice to the community to take away soccer. If any sport should be cancelled it should be one that is not as high in demand.

Daniel Martinez  
57 Spring St.

Mr. Martinez also expressed his concern about the soccer program. He said he has his daughter's best interest in heart and mind and she wants to play soccer. He said if there is a demand for the sport, it should be available to them.

Commissioner Fritch asked Mr. Martinez's daughter, if there was no soccer what sport would she play? She answered "baseball".

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PORTION** was made by Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Mark Jaeger.

**ALL IN FAVOR      MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Open Meeting Minutes - approval of **November 18, 2010 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** To approve November 18, 2010 minutes was made by Commissioner Joan Bocchino.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Don Fritch.

**ALL IN FAVOR      MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS/VOUCHER LIST**

<b><u>P.O. #</u></b>	<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
10-02511	Costco	Items for Tree Lighting	\$40.26
10-02376	Parker Publications	Meeting Change Notice	\$21.11
10-02362	Costco	Items for Bus trip	\$67.57
10-02426	Municipal Toy	Christmas Pez	\$318.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$446.94</b>

**MOTION:** To approve Bills/Voucher List  
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Peter Gori.  
**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Senior Citizen Committee - Nancy Hagerich was not present.
- b. Sport Committees -  
Basketball - Commissioner Don Fritch reported Recreation Basketball is filled to capacity. There are 184 players registered (17 teams) and uniforms are ordered and will be in next week. He will be filing 501 C3 papers with the town.  
Commissioner Pete Gori reported on a great football season and praised Scott Mack for an outstanding job leading his varsity team to undefeated season. He also commended the parents of the players for being supportive.  
Commissioner Mark Jaeger reported there are only a few weeks left in the season, and soccer has gone well this year.
- c. Monthly Maintenance Report/DPW - Luis Acevedo was not present to give report.

Discussion of adding a **Dover Recreation Spring Track Program** took place. Chairman Rodriguez presented a proposal for Dover Recreation Spring Track. The program will be have two people in charge, Lianna Lewis, Head Coach and Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant coach. The proposal included fee of \$325.00 to join Lakeland Junior Track & Field League, fee must be paid 2 years in advance. \$650.00 must be paid by February 2011. No home meets will take place in Dover during the first two years as a new team. The Dover track will be used for practice only. Registration fee is \$25.00 per child. Registration will be open to children from age of 9 to 15, excluding high school students. T-shirts will be provided for meets.

**List of Events:** 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, Mile, Long Jump, 4 x 200 meter relay, 4 x 100 meter relay, 800 meters, Shot Put (8 & 6 lb).

**MOTION:** To approve adding the **Dover Recreation Spring Track Program** was made by Commissioner Don Fritch.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Mark Jaeger.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**REVIEW OF RESOLUTION**

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the Resolution listing sponsored youth sport groups, programs and events with the Commissioners adding the highlighted programs below:

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE TOWN OF DOVER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Town of Dover are vested with the responsibility of maintaining public parks and playgrounds and governing the games and events conducted thereon; and

WHEREAS, as part of their mission, the Board of Recreation Commissioners sponsor various youth sporting groups, youth programs, contests and displays; and

WHEREAS, part of the programs, events and organizations sponsored by the Board of Recreation Commissioners are as follows:

**Events:**

- 1) Halloween Costume Contest & Halloween Fun Run
- 2) Holiday Tree Lighting & Santa Letter Writing Contest
- 3) Easter Egg Hunt
- 4) Summer Recreation Program
- 5) Fireworks July 3rd Celebration
- 6) Dover Renaissance Concert Series
- 7) Senior Picnic & Senior Recreation Program

**Sports:**

- 1) Dover Recreation Football & Cheerleading
- 2) Dover Recreation Wrestling
- 3) Dover Recreation Basketball
- 4) Dover Little League Baseball & Softball
- 5) Dover Recreation Spring Track
- 6) Dover Little League Fall Traveling Baseball
- 7) Dover Recreation Spring & Fall Soccer
- 8) Dover Traveling Spring & Fall Soccer

WHEREAS, sponsorship of the above youth sporting groups, programs and events include insurance coverage through the Board of Recreation Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, these sponsorships are necessary to fulfill the mission of the Board of Recreation Commissioners in providing recreation, entertainment and educational programs to the Dover Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Town of Dover as follows:

1. The above listed youth sports groups, recreation groups, programs and events are hereby deemed to be under the sponsorship of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

2. The above youth sports groups, programs and events are hereby authorized to be covered by the insurance of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Town of Dover as part of their programming.

ATTEST: BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alice Gilbert, Secretary Victor Rodriguez, Chairman

**MOTION:** To approve the Resolution above listing approved youth sports groups, programs and events was made by Victor Rodriguez.

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chair woman Maribel Garland

**ROLL CALL:**

Victor Rodriguez - Yes  
Maribel Garland - Yes

Pete Gori - Yes, because he was moved by the Martinez Family  
Don Fitch - Yes, with exception of Spring Recreation Soccer  
Mark Jaeger - Yes  
Joan Bocchino - absent  
Junior Carmona - absent

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPLICATIONS/FIELD USE - Town Property** - Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

1) Victor Rodriguez of Dover Area Little League has requested use of Crescent Field Softball field and King Field I, II, III & IV from March 1, 2011 through November 6, 2011, Mondays through Fridays from 6:00pm to 9:30pm and Saturdays, 8:00am to 9:30pm and Sundays 12:00noon to 7:00pm for practice and games. Chairman Rodriguez said Crescent field would be removed from the application.

**Board of Education Property**

- 1) Victor Rodriguez of Dover Area Little League has requested use of **East Dover School Gym** from February 28, 2011 through March 31, 2011(Mondays through Fridays) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for indoor practice.
- 2) Victor Rodriguez of Dover Area Little League has requested use of **Academy St. School Gym** from February 28, 2011 through March 31, 2011(Mondays through Fridays) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for indoor practice.
- 3) Victor Rodriguez of Dover Area Little League has requested use of **North Dover. School Gym** from February 28, 2011 through March 31, 2011(Mondays through Fridays) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm for indoor practice.
- 4) Victor Rodriguez of Dover Area Little League has requested use of **Dover High School Baseball field** from March 14, 2011 through June 18, 2011 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm Mondays through Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 6:00pm for junior division practice and games.
- 5) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer has applied for use of **North Dover School Gym** from February 15, 2011 to March 25, 2011 (Mondays thru Fridays) from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for soccer practice. (see attached list of dates and times)
- 6) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer has applied for use of **East Dover Middle School Gym** from February 15, 2011 to March 25, 2011 (Mondays thru Fridays) from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for soccer practice. (see attached list of dates and times)
- 7) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer has applied for use of **Academy Street School Gym** from February 15, 2011 to March 25, 2011 (Mondays thru Fridays) from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for soccer practice. (see attached list of dates and times)

Chairman Rodriguez said he would work with Commissioner Mark Jaeger to give gym time to Spring Soccer with Baseball having preference. Chairman Rodriguez said they would revise the applications and he would turn in them to Recreation office on Monday, December 13th for submittal to Mr. Close.

**MOTION:** To approve applications # 1-4 for Dover Little League with abstaining vote by Chairman Victor Rodriguez made by Commissioner Pete Gori.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Don Fritch

**ALL IN FAVOR** (abstain by Chairman V. Rodriguez) **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** To approve applications # 5-8 for Dover Strikers Soccer with abstaining vote by Commissioner Mark Jaeger made by Commissioner Don Fritch

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland

**ALL IN FAVOR** (abstain by Comm. Mark Jaeger) **MOTION CARRIED**

**Board of Education - Approved - from Board of Education**

1) **Dover Recreation Wrestling** - Greg Scalley of Dover Recreation Wrestling has requested permission to use Dover High School Auxiliary Gym, Restrooms, hallways and locker rooms Mondays thru Fridays, from November 30, 2010 through March 11, 2011 (see attached list of dates) for wrestling practice.

**Special Events:** Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following:

**Christmas Events:**

- 1) **Tree Lighting Ceremony:** was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010, any changes for next year? Crowd control barricades were discussed for next year.
- 2) **Santa Letter Writing Contest** - Letters to be judged by Commission this evening. Delivery of presents (Santa Express) to take place on Thursday, December 16th. Anyone going should meet at the fire house at 5:30pm. Only fire fighters will be allowed on the fire truck.

**Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. class** - was cancelled - need to reschedule. Alice had requested use of Fire House, to reschedule in January, waiting for approval for Wednesday January 5th or Wednesday, January 12th.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following:

**Received**

- 1) Letter from Gregg Heinzmann regarding Rutger's certification update. All instructors will have to be recertified because they are updating the class and materials. Current certification will expire on June 30, 2011. Notification will be made as to when the class is available. It will not be offered in March at the NJRPA Conference as it usually is.
- 2) Copy of letter addressed to Mr. Close from Nancy Hagerich submitting her proposed budget for senior programs for the year 2011.

**Next Meeting:**

**Meeting is proposed for scheduling on Thursday,  
January 13, 2011 (Reorganization Meeting) at 7:00pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:**

To adjourn was made by Commissioner Don Fritch.

**SECONDED BY:**

Commissioner Peter Gori

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Gilbert, Secretary  
Dover Recreation Commission