

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2010
MINUTES - Draft**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:12pm 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, Commissioners Peter Gori, Don Fritch, Mark Jaeger, Joan Bocchino, Junior Carmona, and Alice Gilbert, Secretary.

ABSENT: Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland.

ALSO PRESENT: Alderwoman Carolyn Blackman

MOTION: To suspend regular order of meeting and open Public Portion was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Junior Carmona

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Patrick Fahy of 2 E. Chrystal Street and President of Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer referred to Resolution of February 2, 2007 regarding Recreation Sponsored programs and requested the Recreation Commission continue to support Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer by allowing the organization to be sponsored by the Town of Dover with respect to obtaining permits from the Board of Education.

MOTION: To suspend the Public Portion of the meeting and return to the regular order of the meeting was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Junior Carmona

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Open Meeting Minutes **September 9, 2010 Regular Meeting**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 9, 2010 as written was made by Commissioner Joan Bocchino.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Don Fritch

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BILLS/VOUCHER LIST

<u>P.O. #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-02072	D Lovenberg Portable Toilet	Summer Program & Sr Picnic	\$191.50
10-02060	S&S Recreation	Halloween Items	\$275.69
10-02096	Rutgers State University	Coaches Clinic Materials	637.50
10-02071	Municipal Toy Company	Halloween Pez Candy for both events	636.00
10-02073	Dover Strikers Rec Soccer	Soccer Balls & Pinnies	\$500.00
10-02051	Oriental Trading Co	Halloween Event Items	\$326.60
10-01996	Bronx Zoo	Bus Parking - Trip	\$ 16.00
10-01747	Positive Promotions	Halloween Items	<u>\$ 386.75</u>
			\$2970.04

MOTION: To approve the Bills/Voucher list was made by Commissioner Don Fritch.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mark Jaeger
ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Basketball - Commissioner Don Fritch reported he would be taking over Recreation Basketball Program and met with Mr. Close to discuss the procedures. He said he would be ordering supplies through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council and through Mr. Close.

Football - Commissioner Peter Gori reported on Scott Mack's undefeated team and a great season so far. He said parents were very supportive to the program this year. Discussion took place regarding the vendors getting paid in a timely fashion. Commissioner Gori referred to the reconditioning of helmets, and said the vendor was having difficulty with getting paid on time. Chairman Rodriguez explained next year the reconditioning of the helmets would be done through the Town, using the Morris County Coop. He stated that the town would pack up and ship the helmets to a company for the football program and showed Commissioner Gori a booklet from the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council.

Soccer - Commissioner Mark Jaeger reported the soccer season was going well and there was only four weeks left in the season.

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following applications with the Commissioners:

APPLICATIONS/FIELD USE – Town Property

1) Christine & Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Soccer request permission to use the Meeting Room over the concession stand at King Field for a meeting on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

MOTION: To approve above listed application was made by Commissioner Don Fritch
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Junior Carmona
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Mark Jaeger.
ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Education Property

1) 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.

MOTION: To approve above listed application for Dover Recreation Wrestling was made by Commissioner Mark Jaeger.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Joan Bocchino
ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

Board of Education Property - pending approval - sent to Mr. Close

- 1) Don Fritch of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball has applied for use of **Academy Street School Gym** from November 15th through February 28th from 6pm to 9pm Monday through Friday (See attached schedule). October 18th (signups only) for Boys and Girls Basketball grade 3 thru 8. No traveling teams, for practice and games.
- 2) Don Fritch of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball has applied for use of **North Dover School Gym** from November 15th through February 28th from 6pm to 9pm Monday through Friday (See attached schedule). No traveling teams, for practice and games
- 3) Don Fritch of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball has applied for use of **East Dover School Gym** from November 15th through February 28th from 6pm to 9pm Monday through Friday (See attached schedule). No traveling teams, for practice and games.

Special Events:

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

Halloween Events:

- 1) **Halloween Fun Run** will be held at Dover High School Parking Lot on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 4:00pm. Registration begins at 3:00pm (no fee). The rain date is Thursday, October 28, 2010. Dover, Mine Hill and Victory Gardens boys and girls from Pre K thru 8th Grade may participate. Race is approximately one mile long. Trophies & Ribbons will be awarded and candy will be given to all participants.

Halloween Costume Contest: Saturday, October 23, 2010 with rain date of Saturday, October 30th @ 2:00pm - rain location will be at Sacred Heart on Saturday October 30th, 2010. The following have agreed to serve as judges at the contest: Past Chairman Tom Iwicki, Past Vice -Chairman Jerry Hoffman, Past Chairwoman Denise Ridner, Senior Leader Nancy Hagerich.

Letter received from Pat Genovese was discussed.

MOTION: To add Pat Genovese, Miss Lady Petite 2010, to judge the contest was made by Commissioner Junior Carmona.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mark Jaeger

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Alice Gilbert will call Mrs. Genovese and let her know that she has been approved to judge the contest.

Christmas Events:

- 2) Tree Lighting Ceremony: Wednesday, December 1st at 6:00pm, with rain/snow date of Thursday, December 2, 2010 in coordination with Dover Board of Education & Jeanine Hilfiger, Music Supervisor. Alice Gilbert will send request to Mr. Sperry asking him to dress up as Santa Claus and arrive on fire truck. Fire Chief Eric Berg has already committed the Fire Department to making the hot chocolate and serving donuts.
- 3) **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Bus Trip to Rockefeller Center** on Monday, December 6, 2010, 2:00pm show. Bus leaves Prospect Street at 8:30am and leaves NYC at 7:00pm from Rockefeller Center. Returns to Dover approximately 8:30pm. Tickets cost \$60.00 each. (First three rows of third mezzanine).
- 4) **Santa Letter Writing Contest** will be held from November 22, 2010 thru December 8, 2010 - letters to be picked up at schools on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 1:00pm. Delivery of presents on Thursday, December 16th with rain/snow date of Friday, December 17th. Christmas get together at Nicks on Thursday, December 16th after the Santa Express.

Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the **Santa Letter Writing Contest**.

Commissioners discussed reducing the number of winners from ten to eight to reduce some of the cost. Commissioner Bocchino said this would be a 20% decrease in cost.

MOTION: To reduce the number of winners for the Santa Letter Writing Contest from ten to eight was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Junior Carmona

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. class - Volunteer coaches' clinic will be held on **Wednesday, November 3, 2010** at the Dover Fire Department meeting room downstairs from **6:00pm to 9:00pm** given by Chairman Victor Rodriguez. Any participants must be pre-registered by Sports Supervisor, list called in to the Recreation Office no later than **Friday, October 29, 2010**.

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following Correspondence with the Commissioners:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received

- 1) Letter from Patricia Genovese, Mrs. Lady Petite America 2010, requesting to be a judge at the Halloween Costume Contest.
- 2) Letter from Jim Walsh of Spruce Street extending agreement for Senior use of Community room from November 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2011.
- 3) Emails from Fire chief granting permission for use of fire department meeting room for coaches class and notifying Recreation of their participation in Halloween & Tree Lighting events by making & serving hot chocolate and donuts.
- 4) Thank you from Marlene Murray for wonderful bus trip to Bronx Zoo.
- 5) Letter from Patrick Fahy regarding Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer Sponsorship - see copy in your folders.
- 6) Copy of thank you letter sample sent out from the Mayor's office to all businesses and vendors who donated items or gift cards, certificates, etc to the Senior Picnic for tricky tray and door prizes.
- 7) Copy of letter from Mr. Close to Dover Board of Education regarding Dover Midget Football Program with attached certificate of insurance.

Sent

- 1) Notices to schools & newspapers regarding Halloween Costume Contest & Halloween Fun Run.
- 2) Email to fire chief requesting use of fire department meeting room for Volunteer Coaches Class on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- 3) Letter to Fire chief requesting fire department participation by making hot chocolate for Halloween Costume Contest & Tree Lighting events.
- 4) Thank you letters sent from Ben Park to Officer Ed Santana of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office; Kris Wilsusen, Health Educator, Town of Dover Health Dept.; Maria Gonzalez of Morris Area Girl Scouts; Heidi Brotzman of Morris County Prevention is Key, and Detective Mark Castellanos and Keish Higgs of Morris County Prosecutor's Office for their program presentations and participation with our Summer Recreation Program.

Items for Discussion

- 1) **Sports Sponsorship** - Discussion took place regarding revision of the Resolution for determining Recreation sponsored organizations, sport groups and events. Chairman Rodriguez said a resolution will be created at the beginning of every year listing the groups and events which are Recreation Commission sponsored. The Commissioners determined the following events are non-sports related Recreation sponsored events: Halloween Costume Contest, Halloween Fun Run, Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa Letter Writing Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Recreation Program, July 3rd Fireworks

Celebration, Dover Recreation/Renaissance Concert Series, and Senior Picnic. Commissioners also discussed and determined the following sports were Recreation sponsored organizations: Dover Strikers Recreation Fall Soccer and Spring Soccer; Dover Recreation Youth Football and Cheerleading, Dover Recreation Wrestling, Dover Recreation Basketball, Dover Little League Baseball and Softball - tabled for further discussion at next meeting.

Tabled for next meeting: Discussion regarding sponsorship of Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer. Commissioner Mark Jaeger asked the Commissioners to consider that the only reason they requested sponsorship from Recreation is for obtaining Board of Education permits. He explained that both programs have coexisted before and made use of the field space.

2) Discussion of whether or not to sponsor Spring Soccer took place. Commissioner Fritch said he felt that Recreation is about equal opportunity for all sports; however he also suggested that if Spring Soccer were to be eliminated, another sport such as Cross Country or Tennis should be offered. Commissioner Gori agreed stating the high enrollment in soccer does take away from participation in other sports. Commissioner Carmona suggested other sports like volleyball or golf also be considered. Commissioner Jaeger said that 27 out of 33 towns have Spring Soccer. Chairman Rodriguez suggested this discussion also be tabled and continued at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Meeting is proposed for scheduling on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn made by Commissioner Peter Gori.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Joan Bocchino
ALL IN FAVOR **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Gilbert
Dover Recreation Commission Secretary