

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 8, 2012 – 7PM**

**\*\* 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, Peter Gori, Joan Bocchino, Mark Jaeger, Junior Carmona.

**Absent:** Maribel Garland, Don Fritch

**Also Present:** Alderwoman Carolyn Blackman, Alderwoman Chris Noriega, Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent, Alice Gilbert, and Secretary.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**MOTION:** To suspend regular order of meeting and open public portion was made by:  
Chairman Rodriguez,

**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Jaeger.**

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**Pat Fahy, President** of Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer  
2 E. Chrystal St.  
Dover, NJ 07801

Mr. Fahy thanked Mr. Acevedo for getting the goals up. He asked about the American Flag, which is not currently up. Mr. Acevedo said he would make sure to replace the flag.

Mr. Fahy discussed the \$175.00 per team fee imposed on Dover Traveling Soccer. He called the decision “selective inclusion” and felt it was unfair. He discussed details of how the Town of Dover had set up the Travel Soccer Program and put the restrictions on it to not allow players who are not from Dover. He stated the Recreation Commission and Town of Dover have always supported the program in the past.

**MOTION:** To close public portion and return to regular order of meeting was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carmona.**

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2012 MEETING**

**MOTION:** To approve Minutes of February 9, 2012 as written, was made by Commissioner Carmona.

**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bocchino**

Roll Call Vote was taken.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS VOUCHER LIST**

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the voucher list with Commissioners as follows:

<b>P.O. #</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
12-00459	Alice Gilbert	Reimbursement for Easter Egg Hunt Items Cookies for ages 1-4 Chocolate Bunnies & Pretzels	\$122.72
12-00409	Dover Recreation Basketball/Don Fritch	Reimbursement for uniforms	\$1000.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1122.72</b>

**MOTION:** To approve Bills/Voucher List was made by Commissioner Bocchino.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Carmona.

Roll Call Vote was taken.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Senior Citizen Committee - Report in folders from Nancy Hagerich.
- b. Sport Committees - Commissioner Jaeger said the soccer fields need work. Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent said they were working on getting them ready.
- c. Monthly Maintenance Report/DPW - Luis Acevedo said spring cleanup is beginning in all the parks.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT JFK PARK** Chairman Rodriguez reminded Commissioners to attend the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, 2012 @ 10:00am at JFK Park w Rain Location DHS Cafeteria. Decision to move the hunt will be made on Friday if the weather report is rainy, in order to coordinate with Board of Education for custodian scheduling. Easter Committee Members are Commissioners Joan Bocchino and Mark Jaeger to help with baskets and the event.

Past Chairwoman Denise Ridner has agreed to be the Easter Bunny. Mike and Carol DelVecchio of Dover Lions will be present to help where needed. They have donated some of the baskets and materials for this year's event.

### **Use of Facility Applications - No new applications as of 3/1/2012**

#### **Board of Education – Approved**

- 1) Dover Recreation Commission requests use of DHS Cafeteria on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:00am to noon for Easter Egg Hunt in case of rain only. Approved with fee of \$25.00 per hour for custodial fees.
- 2) Dover Area Little League has requested use of Dover Middle School Gym for Indoor Practice from March 12, 2012 to March 30, 2012 from 6pm to 8:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

#### **Board of Education - PENDING**

- 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.
- 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).
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 6) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Travel Soccer/NJ Youth Soccer Association requests use of Hamilton Field grass field from February 18, 2012 to June 30, 2012 (see attached dates and times) from 9am to dark, weather permitting, for soccer practice.
- 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.
- 8) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer requests use of Hamilton Field grass field from February 18, 2012 to June 30, 2012 (see attached dates and times) from 9am to dark, weather permitting, for practice.

**Town Property - approved by Town Administrator**

- 1) Junior Carmona of Back to Basics Baseball requests use of King Field from 6/25/12 thru 6/29/12 and from 7/2/12 thru 7/6/12 from 7/9/12 thru 7/13/12 (3 weeks) Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm for baseball camp. Approximately 35 children attending per week. Will pay fee of \$1875.00 for use of field. Will offer 50% discount to Dover Residents. \$265.00 fee per week. – Need insurance certificate & check for fee.
- 2) Mark Jaeger of Dover Strikers Recreation Soccer has applied for use of Water Works Park grass field area and Crescent field - small field and large turf field from January 14, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for Spring and Fall Traveling Soccer practice and games- see attached dates and times.
- 3) Victor Rodriguez of Dover Area Little League has applied for use of King Field Meeting room from February 11, 2012 thru March 1, 2012 from 6pm to 9pm for registration and meetings.
- 4) Sean Bullock, DHS Athletic Director has applied for use of Crescent Field Softball Field and King II, III & IV from March 2, 2012 thru June 7, 2012; Mondays thru Fridays, from 2:30pm to 6:00pm and Saturday April 14th only from 8:00am to 12:00noon for Dover Middle School and Dover High School Softball practice only at Crescent Field and Games at King Fields
- 5) Patrick Fahy of Dover Strikers Traveling Soccer has applied for use of Water Works Park grass field area and Crescent field - small field and large turf field from January 14, 2012 through June 30, 2012 for Spring and Fall Traveling Soccer practice and games- see attached dates and times.
- 6) Liana Lewis of Spring Track has applied for use of King Field Meeting Room to hold signups on the following dates: March 1st, 2nd, and 7th from 6pm to 9pm.

**Correspondence**

**Received**

- 1) Emails from Lisa Newkirk with approved permits.
- 2) Emails from Chairman Rodriguez regarding agenda, minutes, etc.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**MOTION:** To open public portion was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Gori

**ALL IN FAVOR** **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Patrick Fahy**

**2 E. Chrystal St.  
Dover, NJ 07801**

Mr. Fahy again discussed the fees for use of Crescent Field by Traveling Soccer. He said fees place a barrier between the players and their right to participate in the program. The families are paying double – once through the taxes and secondly, by the higher fee for their child's participation in the program. He asked for a motion to reverse the decision.

Chairman Rodriguez said members are absent and the full board should be present for a vote. Mr. Fahy said the motion should be for non-profit town sponsored organizations to not be charged fees for use of fields.

Chairman Rodriguez said he would consider having the Board reopen the matter of the fee and sponsorships at the next meeting, providing there is a full board in attendance, but that the board already made their decision.

**MOTION:** To close public portion was made by Commissioner Jaeger.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Bocchino

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 7:00pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn was made by Commissioner Carmona

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Bocchino.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Gilbert*

Dover Recreation Commission Secretary