

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY – July 10, 2008 – 7PM**

**\*\*MINUTES \*\***

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Chairman Thomas J. Iwicki called the meeting to order at 7:19pm 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:** Tom Iwicki, Jessica Reymundo (7:25pm), Robin Foster, Carolyn Blackman, Peter Gori.

**Absent:** Victor Rodriguez, Denise Ridner (vacation) & Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent.

**Also Present:** Alderman Jack Delaney attended for Alderwoman Cindy Romaine (absent due to illness).

Nancy Hagerich from the Senior Citizen Committee was absent due to illness. Her report was given to the Commissioners for their review. Commissioner Foster said he would like to recognize Nancy for her hard work and dedication to the Senior Citizens and commend her on the wonderful job she is doing. He suggested ordering a plaque to be given to her by the Mayor at the Senior Picnic. All the Commissioners agreed that she deserves to be recognized for her efforts.

**Use of Facility Applications**

1) Marilu Colon of 44 N. Bergen Street requests use of Water Works Park (Pavillion area) to hold dancing lessons/dance practice from July 16, 2008 thru October 15, 2008 on Wednesdays and Fridays (with exception of Friday, Sept. 5, 2008- Senior Picnic) from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. She will use a radio/cd player. No alcohol will be served. No cooking will be done.

After much discussion, Commissioners agreed to table Ms. Colon’s application and invite her to attend the next meeting to answer their questions and hear their concerns. Alice Gilbert was instructed to write a letter to ask her to come to the next meeting.

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

The following applications were sent to the Board of Education and are pending approval:

- 1) Cathy McCall of Dover Traveling Basketball requests use of the East Dover Gym on Mondays & Fridays from 6:30pm to 9:00pm from September 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 for basketball practice & games.
- 2) Request for bus to Rockaway AMC Movie Theatre (1 bus) on July 30, 2008 to pick up at 9:30am at N. Dover and proceed to Water Works (50 children) to attend movie “Surf’s Up” and return to parks upon completion of movie (approx 11:30am).
- 3) Request for bus to Giggles Play station in Rockaway, NJ on July 15, 2008 for pickup at North Dover Park at 10:30am and return at 1:45PM.

The following applications were approved by the Board of Education:

- 1) Dover Midget Football was granted approval for use of Hamilton Field Complex for practice & games on the following dates;

Monday thru Fridays for Aug 1,4,5,6,7,8, 11,12,13,14,15,18, 19, 20, 21, 22,15,26,27, 28, & 29; September 2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11, 15,16,17,18, 19,22,23,24,25,29 & 30  
October: 1,2,6,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30 & 31  
November:3,4,5,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,24,25,26  
Monday-Friday from 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
Saturdays: from 9:00am -10:00pm Aug. 2, 9, 16, &23; Sept 6, 13, 20; October 5, 19, & 26; November 1, 15, & 22  
Sundays: from 10:00am to 5:30pm Aug 3, 10, 17 & 24; Sept 7, 14, & 21; October 5 19 & 26 & November: 2, 16 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Subject to Construction Schedule.

- 2) Anna Bocchino of Dover Strikers Soccer was granted approval for use of DHS Soccer Field & JV Auxiliary Field on Mondays thru Fridays from 5:30pm to dusk, Saturdays from 9:00am-5:00pm and 1:00pm – 5:00pm (specific dates) & Sunday's from 12:30 – 6:00pm on specified dates from August 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 26<sup>th</sup>. (Subject to Construction Schedule.)
- 3) Scott Miller, President of Dover Renaissance was granted approval for Auditorium & Restrooms at Dover High School, in case of rain only for the following Sundays: July 13, 20, 27, August 3 and 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 9:30pm.

### **Committee Reports:**

Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent (not present) -  
Normal Maintenance has been done for all parks.

**Hooey Park** Playground equipment has been installed and is awaiting mulch delivery.  
Commissioners asked Alice to find out when the mulch will be delivered.

**Water Works Park** – Commissioners discussed the condition of the rest rooms. They would like to see them cleaned up and painted before the Senior Citizens Picnic. Suggestion was made to see if the Mayor's Community Service Committee could do the painting. Commissioners discussed giving Luis a list of things that need to be addressed and seeing if his crew is overextended, perhaps the Mayor's Community Service Committee can do the work.

**Skate Park** – Luis did visit the skate park in Randolph and will bring pictures and information to the next Recreation Commission meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **July 3, 2008** –

Fireworks Celebration was held at Hamilton Field. Due to an oncoming storm, the fire official determined the fireworks must go off earlier, and they began firing at approximately 9:05pm. The crowd was lighter than usual due to the weather. Everyone enjoyed the fireworks and the music by the Linda Grace/Cats & Dogs Band. The Fireworks revenue was \$3,487.70 down \$1,200.00 from last year. Alice said she received a phone call from Skip Marcano of Shaeffer Pyrotechnics. He called to see if everyone was pleased and will reserve the July 3<sup>rd</sup> date for next year, however a decision needs to be made to select a rain date. (The 5<sup>th</sup> would be on a Sunday evening next year, which would incur overtime rates for DPW & Police, which are paid out of Recreation's budget. Commissioners discussed and agreed to make the rain date on the following Friday evening July 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Iwicki said a lady fell in the area just as you step onto the field. Next year, we need to make sure this gets filled with dirt, to avoid a tripping hazard. Carolyn Blackman suggested rearranging the tables next year and also, the Summer Recreation employees should be stamping hands and taking tickets - not taking money. When the crowds came, it was too difficult for them to quickly figure everything out, and adults should really be the ones handling the money. Discussion took place of next year changing the pricing as follows: children under 5 are free, and ages 6-18 are \$1.00. Adults 19- 54 are \$3.00 and Seniors 55 + over are \$1.00.

### **Fireworks – continued**

Alice said she will look into hiring the “Tropical Storm” Band for next year. They have played at the Dover Renaissance Concert series, and everyone enjoys them. They have a great following locally, and play a lot of “summertime” music. They will be in Dover for the concert series on Sunday, and she will see how much they will charge and if they are available for next year.

**Summer Program** – Alice reported that the numbers are way up from last year with 60 at North Dover, 60 at Water Works and 35 in the Teen Program – almost double from last year. The Summer Food program was cancelled due to unavailable funding from the NJ Dept. of Agriculture. A letter was sent out to all the parents notifying them that the Summer Food Program has been cancelled. The first trip was to Lewis Morris Park, both buses were filled to capacity and the trip was successful. One little girl had a nosebleed that would not stop bleeding – she was taken to Morristown Memorial Hospital. Mike Scarneo (Assistant Director) went with her in the ambulance. Alice went to the hospital to pick up Mike, and spoke with the girl’s grandmother. The little girl was fine; they just wanted to check her vitals, because she had lost so much blood. The last day of the program is August 13<sup>th</sup> and a pizza party is planned at Water Works Park for all parks to attend. To offset some of the cost, we will hand out permission slips and ask parents to pay \$3.00 per child, to cover pizza, soda and ice cream for the ice cream eating contest.

**Point Pleasant Trip** - Alice reported the trip was a great success. The day started out a little cloudy, damp & rainy, but around 2:00 pm the sun came out. Seniors enjoyed a guided tour of the aquarium, which included a “hands on” part where they were brought several sea creatures to touch (including a horseshoe crab, star fish, etc.) When the sun came out, several of the seniors who wore their bathing suits down went into the ocean to get wet. They really enjoyed themselves. One senior, Carol Dinkowitz wrote a nice letter to the Daily Record about the trip. They would like us to see if we could do this again next year. Need to budget \$700 to \$800.00 for bus expense for a trip in 2009.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Colombian Festival** will be held on **Saturday, July 19, 2008** from noon to 7:00pm. Mr. Marin has met all the conditions, paid the fees, posted a bond, and was issued the permit. Commissioners Peter Gori, Carolyn Blackman and Robin Foster said they would try to attend.

**Sr. Citizen Picnic** – will be held on Friday, September 5, 2008 with rain location at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. DJ Lou Gatto from 45 RPM will play 50’s music. Letters asking for donations from businesses to be sent out in the next week. Discussion took place regarding a problem every year with the coffee pot not heating up, due to the electrical outlet not working properly at Water Works Park. Chairman Iwicki said to contact Luis to see about getting the electric checked before the picnic. Also, order a handicapped port a john for the Senior Picnic this year.

**Adult Bus Trip to Mystic Seaport, Cape Cod & Provincetown:** Sept. 29, Oct 1, Oct 2 & Oct 3 (3 nights w/ 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tours, boat ride to either Nantucket or Martha’s Vineyard, stop at Foxwoods on the way home **\$490.00 each - double/ (Two in a room)**  
**\$635.00 each - Single (one in a room)**  
**\$475.00 each -Triple (three in a room)**

Alice Gilbert reported the trip is going well – 28 people have signed up so far. She sent articles to newspapers this week and expects more will sign up. Need 30 to have a successful trip.

### **Sport Programs**

**Bowling** – Dover Lanes has closed. Rockaway Lanes has offered a Bowling Program to Dover Residents.

**Soccer** – Jessica Reymundo has not been able to reach Anna Bocchino.

**Dover Midget Football & Cheerleading**– Signups were held at Hamilton Field and registrations are still being accepted at Town Hall. Practice begins August 1<sup>st</sup>. Equipment will be handed out on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at Hamilton Field.

**MINUTES**

Approval of June 5, 2008 minutes – Chairman Iwicki asked if there were any deletions, additions, or corrections? There were none.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes as written was made by Robin Foster.

**SECONDED BY:** Jessica Reymundo.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**Correspondence:**

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the Correspondence with the Commissioners:

**Sent**

- 1) Email to Attorney Pennella with instructions as per Executive Session of June 5, 2008 meeting.

**Received**

- 1) Copy of letter sent by Attorney Dave Pennella to Michael Di Pasquale with instructions for consideration of relief from coaching ban.
- 2) Letter from Adela Hernandez of Municipal Alliance regarding grant proposal for 2008 for Teen Program. Proposal along with a Program Activity Plan must be submitted by July 18<sup>th</sup> for consideration for funding for next year.

**Voucher List**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description of Items</b>	<b>P.O #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sunset Tours	Cape Cod 2 <sup>nd</sup> installment	08-01529	\$3,482.50
Nancy Hagerich	May - Senior Expenses	08-01291	25.30
American Multi-Cinema	Admission to Movie Theatre	08-01399	50.00
Picnics Unlimited	Food for Sr. Picnic	08-01394	<u>\$2,675.00</u>
			<b>\$6,232.80</b>

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the vouchers with the Commissioners.

**MOTION:** To approve the voucher list made by Commissioner Robin Foster.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Jessica Reymundo.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Alice Gilbert*  
 Dover Recreation Office