

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – May 1, 2008 – 7PM**

****MINUTES****

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas J. Iwicki called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm 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: Alice Gilbert called roll as follows:

Present: Chairman Tom Iwicki, Vice Chairman Denise Ridner, Victor Rodriguez, Robin Foster, Carolyn Blackman, Peter Gori, Alderwoman Cindy Romaine, Luis Acevedo and Alice Gilbert.

Absent: Jessica Reymundo

Present from the Public:

Nancy Hagerich, Sr. Citizen Representative

Mike Di Pasquale, former basketball & baseball coach accompanied by his sister Mary

Rick Roggenkamp, Dover Area Little League President

Scott Mack, Dover Youth Recreation Basketball President

Cathy McCall, Dover Youth Rec Traveling Basketball (came in late)

MOTION: To suspend the regular order of the meeting and open the public portion of the meeting was made by Denise Ridner.

SECONDED BY: Peter Gori

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Iwicki asked anyone from the public who wishes to address the Board to come forward at this time.

Nancy Hagerich of the Dover Senior Citizens gave her report on Senior events for the upcoming weeks. They will be assembling shoe boxes for Memorial Day as a thank you to veterans at the VA hospital. On the third Tuesday in May they will wrap the boxes prior to delivering them to the Lyons VA hospital. Marty's Shoe Store donated the shoe boxes. The boxes include items as toothbrushes, toothpaste, stationary items, puzzle books & games, etc. A trip is being planned to Point Pleasant Beach, and will be finalized in the next week or so.

Michael De Pasquale, former Baseball & Basketball coach
11 E. Chrystal St.
Dover, NJ

Mr. De Pasquale said he has been banned from coaching and would like to be reinstated. He apologized for his behavior at an incident which occurred at East Dover School in December 2007, where the police were called to a Dover Recreation Traveling Basketball game. Mr. De Pasquale also discussed his past medical problems and hospitalization.

Mary De Pasquale (Michael's sister)

Mary addressed the Commission stating the incident was her fault. She pleaded with the Commission to remove the ban on Mr. De Pasquale.

Rick Roggenkamp of Dover Area Little League

11 Arlene Lane

Rick said Little League had voted last season to not allow Mr. De Pasquale to coach after incident which occurred in Wharton. Rick said he would await the outcome of the Recreation Commission’s decision and report back to the Dover Area Little League Board.

Scott Mack

Dover Youth Basketball

Scott Mack stated Mr. DePasquale was good with the children, and good coaches are hard to come by.

Chairman Iwick asked Alice Gilbert to give Mr. DePasquale a copy of the Code of Conduct Ordinance which gives instruction for appealing the ban. He said he would need to meet with the Town Administrator and Town Attorney for guidance on this case.

MOTION: To close the Public Portion of the meeting and return to the Regular Order of the meeting was made by Victor Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Carolyn Blackman

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the following use of facility applications:

Use of Facility Application

- 1) Adela Hernandez of Morris County Head Start has requested use of Waterworks Park for a picnic on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 10:00am to 6:00pm for annual picnic. Fire permit will be obtained thru the fire official. No alcohol will be served.

MOTION: To approve the above application was made by Victor Rodriguez.

SECONDED BY: Denise Ridner

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

- 2) Christin Griffin & Sami Itani of the Christadelphian Church (322 S. Morris St, Randolph) have applied for permission to use JFK Park on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 10:00am to 3:00pm for a “Music & Message” concert of praise and bible education. Sound system will be used. No alcohol or fire permit would be required. The fee for Out-of-Town Resident /Non-Profit Group is **\$175.00.**

MOTION: To approve the above application with fee of \$175.00 for out of town/non-profit was made by Denise Ridner.

SECONDED BY: Victor Rodriguez.

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the following applications for use of facilities has been **approved by the Board of Education:**

- 1) Cathy McCall has applied for use of DHS Gym on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 7-9:00pm from July 15, 2008 thru July 24, 2008 for Basketball Open Gym for boys and girls 5th grade and up. (Scott Mack does not want to participate this year, and Cathy is taking over for him.)

The following application for use of facilities has been submitted to the Board of Education for approval:

- 1) Walt Woodhull, President of Midget Football has applied for use of Hamilton Field Complex, Snack Bar, Rest Rooms, Field House/Equipment Room for the following:

Date of use: **Thursdays, May 29th, June 5th, June 12th** (Field House/Equipment Room & Restrooms) **Time: From 6:30pm to 8:00pm for registration/sign ups.**

Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon for equipment handout.(Field House/Equipment Room & Restrooms

Friday, August 1, 2008 thru November 28, 2008 (Hamilton Field Complex, Snack Bar, Restrooms, etc) (Mondays thru Fridays) from **5:30pm thru 8:30pm** for practice & games.

Saturdays from August 2, 2008 thru November 30, 2008 from 9:00am to 10:00pm for practice & games (maximum of 5 night games) – (Hamilton Field Complex, Snack Bar, Restrooms, etc.)

Sundays from August 3, 2008 thru November 30, 2008 from 10:00am to 5:30pm for practice & games (Hamilton Field Complex, Snack Bar, Restrooms, etc.)

Description of proposed use: Registrations, equipment handout, football practice & games

Commissioner Rodriguez questioned why the Midget Football application was sent to the Board of Education prior to the Recreation Commission approving it? Alice Gilbert explained this was a normal application by Midget Football with nothing unusual and no encroachment on time or fields needed by any other sports. She had to send the application to the Board of Education by tomorrow in order for it to be heard at the upcoming Board of Education meeting. Due to the time constraint, and the request for May 28 signups at Hamilton Field, the application was sent to the Board of Education as soon as it was received.

Commissioners discussed the 4-6 week requirement and enforcement. In the future, Alice will make sure to have it on the agenda prior to sending the application to the Board of Education, as per Mr. Rodriguez's request.

Cathy McCall of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball asked for approval at this time to hold an open gym for grades 3 to 8 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Dover High School gym, or wherever available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in August.

The Board gave Alice permission to send the application to the Board of Education as soon as possible.

Old Business

- 1) **Meeting with Athletic Director**, Chairman Iwicki, Alderwoman Romaine & Alice Gilbert took place on April 9, 2008 at 4:30pm in the athletic director's office. Chairman Iwick reported that as a result of the meeting, a survey form was created asking children if we were to offer a sports camp for the following sports, (listing sports, baseball, basketball, volleyball, football & cheerleading) please check off which sports you would be interested in. Mr. Bullock will take to each classroom and have the kids fill them out to determine the level of interest. He will help develop a clinic type program for the sports which show the greatest amount of interest.

Committee Reports:

Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent reported on the following:

Water Works Park - Luis discussed future plans to replace the bridge and said he met with the Town Engineer and Mayor and plans were to keep the bridge in the same location.

Hurd Park – Luis said the bridge project would begin sometime later this month.

Hoey Park Playground equipment has been ordered.

Skate Park – Luis will meet with Randolph DPW to see what equipment was put in at Brundage Park to get an idea of cost for our park.

Special Events: Chairman Iwicki reviewed the following upcoming events:

Mayor's 3rd Annual Fishing Derby will be held on **Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 8:00am to 12:00noon** at Randolph Park (W. Blackwell Street & Randolph Ave @ River). Chairman Iwicki and Denise Ridner both said they would attend.

Fireworks

July 3, 2008 with rain date of Saturday, July 5, 2008. A contract for Shaffer Pyrotechnics and purchase requisition for \$6000.00 was submitted to Town Administrator and was approved. The Showmobile has been reserved with Morris County Park Commission for the event. The following groups have returned applications to sell items at the Fireworks: Dover Band Boosters – funnel cakes
Dover Fire Dept – 50/50 tickets

Summer Program

Summer Personnel – Chairman Iwicki reviewed that the list of hirees was approved at Mayor & Board and letters were sent out early this morning notifying counselors of our intent to hire them, contingent upon enrollment.

Summer Food Program - Alice will attend a mandatory training session for the Summer Food Program at Sacred Heart in Newark on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from 9:00am to 12:00noon.

Sr. Citizen Picnic – will be held on Friday, September 5, 2008. Alice was waiting for contract from 45RPM. She received a phone call from Lou Gatto of 45RPM and they will not be able to play at the Senior picnic due to scheduling conflicts. He has offered to DJ – playing oldies (50's music) for price of \$350.00. In an effort to find another band, Alice contacted the Golden Gup of WMTR 1250AM radio who will dj (\$800.00) or bring his band the Rhythmhancers (\$1200.00). Alice spoke with Alderman Mike Picciallo and he has contracted with Sal Torino the accordion player to play for two hours in between sets and when the DJ/band takes a lunch break.

Chairman Iwicki and Commissioners agreed to hire Mr. Gatto for cost of \$350.00. Alice will begin paperwork for purchase requisition to hire him for the picnic. More door prizes will be purchased this year.

Contract was received from Picnics Unlimited for food which will cost \$9.75 per person and includes BBQ chicken, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, watermelon, tomato & onion and fruit cup, paper plates, napkins and plastic silverware. The price went up \$1.00 from last year, due to rising costs of supplies, and gasoline.

Discover Dover Day – need to reschedule committee meeting. Commissioner Foster, Ridner and Blackman agreed to meet on Thursday May 15th. Commissioner Gori will serve as an alternate so as not to violate the Sunshine Law as discussed by Alderwoman Romaine.

Wrestling – Denise Ridner reported that Mr. Leisner will keep the program going next year, and hopes to fill in the gaps and stay in the league.

MINUTES

Approval of April 3, 2008 minutes – Chairman Iwicki asked if there were any deletions, additions, or corrections?

MOTION: To approve the minutes as written, was made by Denise Ridner.

SECONDED BY: Robin Foster

ALL IN FAVOR **MOTION CARRIED.**

Correspondence: Chairman Iwicki reviewed the correspondence with the Commissioners as follows:

Received –

- 1) Resolution approving personnel action: new hires for Summer Recreation Program.
- 2) Email from Mayor Dodd from Mrs. Perez regarding soccer play on North Dover Playground.

Sent

- 1) Letters sent to Summer Rec. Counselors advising them they have been selected for a position, contingent upon enrollment and asking them to respond whether they accept or decline the position.
- 2) Letter to Board of Education requesting permission to hold short assembly at the schools the week of May 19 thru May 22nd to allow Victor Roque, Evan Ridner & Ben Park to give a short presentation about our Summer Program and hand out brochures and registration forms.

Voucher List

Vendor	Description of Items	P.O #	Amount
Nancy Hagerich	Senior Program Expenses	08-00828	\$56.88

MOTION: To approve the voucher list made by Victor Rodriguez.
SECONDED BY: **Denise Ridner**
ALL IN FAVOR **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Gilbert
Dover Recreation