

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY – October 9, 2008 – 7PM**

****MINUTES****

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Foster asked if everyone could please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. He received a phone call from an alderman who wanted to make sure it was done at the beginning of each meeting. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas J. Iwicki will call the meeting to order at 7:02pm 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.”

Present: Chairman Tom Iwicki, Commissioners Victor Rodriguez, Denise Ridner (7:10pm), Jessica Reymundo (7:12pm), Robin Foster, Carolyn Blackman, Peter Gori (7:03pm) and Secretary, Alice Gilbert

Absent: DPW Supt. Luis Acevedo (due to water main break on Penn Ave.)

Anyone from the public: Ben Parks, Summer Director

Chairman Iwicki to ask for motion to suspend regular order of the meeting and open the meeting to the Public.

MOTION: To suspend the regular order of the meeting and open it to the public made by Victor Rodriguez

SECONDED BY: Robin Foster

ALL IN FAVOR **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC PORTION

Ben Parks, Summer Director spoke about the highlights of the Summer Program. He discussed possible changes for next year, including an Orientation session with parents and possible extended hours. Chairman Iwicki asked Alice to set up a separate meeting with Ben and himself to discuss in detail possible changes for next year. Commissioner Foster thanked Ben for coming and said he found Ben’s discussion and information to be very helpful.

MOTION: To close the Public Portion of the Meeting and return to the Regular Order of the meeting was made by Jessica Reymundo.

SECONDED BY: Robin Foster.

ALL IN FAVOR **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Iwicki reviewed the following application with the Commissioners:

Use of Facility Applications

- 1) David Vivino of the Metropolitan Soccer Academy, 65 Wilson Ave., Wayne, NJ would like to host a Youth Soccer Clinic called “Lil Kickers” for children ages 3,4,& 5 years old at Crescent Field (new turf field) on Wednesday mornings in May for 6 weeks (May 6th, May 13, May 20th, May 27th, June 3, 2009 and June 10th) from 10:00am to 11:00am. He may need to extend it one Wednesday to June 17th, should it rain on one of the dates. The cost is \$80.00 for the whole six weeks, per child - which comes to \$13.33 per week. He proposes to pay a rental fee

of \$25.00 per hour or \$150.00 for the six weeks. The Metropolitan Soccer Academy will handle all registrations and coordination of the clinic. He will also provide insurance for the clinic. – Tabled to Nov. 6, 2008.

After much discussion, the application was tabled and the applicant will be invited to the next meeting (November 6, 2008) to provide additional information and answer any questions the Board members may have prior to voting on the application.

The following applications have been submitted to the Board of Education for use of school facilities and are awaiting approval:

- 1) Scott Mack of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball has requested use of **North Dover School Gym** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from November 17, 2008 thru March 12, 2009 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for basketball practice & games.
- 2) Scott Mack of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball has requested use of **Academy Street School Gym** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from November 17, 2008 thru March 12, 2009 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for basketball practice & games
- 3) Scott Mack of Dover Youth Recreation Basketball has requested use of **East Dover School Gym** from November 18, 2008 thru March 14, 2009 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Old Business

Summer Program - Ben Parks submitted his report on the Summer Program, a copy was put in each of the Commissioner's folders. Discussion will continue about extending hours of the program this summer and implementing a sign in/sign out policy in a separate meeting with Ben, Chairman Iwicki and Alice Gilbert.

2009 Fireworks - Letter was sent to Mayor & Board advising them that this Board would like to keep the fireworks at Hamilton Field. The Mayor sent back an email stating he is in agreement with the Board.

Adult Bus Trip to Mystic Seaport, Cape Cod & Provincetown: Sept. 29, Oct 1, Oct 2 & Oct 3rd – successful. Commissioners Foster reported that everyone had a wonderful time and complimented Alice on a job well done.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Costume Contest will be held at JFK Park on **Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008 at 6:00pm.** (Rain Location : Sacred Heart Parish). Robin Foster, Peter Gori & former, Vice-Chairman Jerry Hoffman to be judges. Victor Rodriguez to judge if Robin Foster cannot make it.

Halloween Fun Run will be held on **Monday, October 27, 2008** with rain date of Monday, November 3, 2008 at the Dover High School Parking lot. Registration will take place from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. The race will begin at 4:00pm.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at JFK Park on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 w/ Rain Date of Wed, Dec. 3, 2008.

Sport Programs

Mandatory Sport Supervisor's Meeting – Chairman Iwicki and Commissioners asked Alice to send a notice to all the sport supervisors advising them of a mandatory meeting at the next Recreation Commission meeting of November 6th, to go over Recreation policy and procedures, financial statements, tryouts, etc. Include with letter any forms which need to be reviewed.

Bowling – Carolyn Blackman reported the flyers were sent out through the schools by Alice. 5 phone calls were received by parents inquiring about bowling, however no Dover children have signed up yet.

Wrestling – Denise Ridner reported that Jay Fisher will not be able to run the program this year due to obligations at work. She will try to find a replacement. Peter Gori offered his help, stating he may have a friend who would be qualified and willing to do it.

Little League Baseball – Discussion took place regarding whether or not a financial statement was submitted by Little League. Alice said she has not received their financial statements for the past three years. Victor said he would contact the treasurer and have one sent to Alice.

Soccer – Discussion took place regarding the Strikers Soccer schedule of practices and games. Victor Rodriguez said the schedule is on the Morris County Youth Soccer League website.

Dover Youth Recreation Basketball – Signups will be held at Hamilton Field on Wednesday and Thursday, October 8th & 9th and October 15 & 16th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Registration fee is \$50.00 which includes uniform, trophy and pizza party at end of season.

Dover Midget Football & Cheerleading– Peter Gori reported the program is going well. Discussion of email sent to Board of Education by Alice to inform them Midget Football will not be using the field because of fees for custodian and lights. Walt Woodhull told Alice to send them an email advising that Midget Football could not afford the costs and would have to relocate or cancel. The Commissioners would like Luis to measure the field on the baseball field side of Second Street to see if a football field could fit in that area.

Maintenance Reports – Luis Acevedo was not present due to water main break. DPW Superintendent, Alice reported that Luis will be attending the next meeting with the new person Carl Rossi, hired to oversee Water, DPW and Parks and Recreation departments. Victor Rodriguez expressed concerns with King Field for next year, the field needs dragging. Victor said he would contact Luis Acevedo and go over what needs to be done.

MINUTES – Chairman Iwicki asked for Commissioners approval of September 18, 2008 minutes and if there were any deletions, additions, or corrections?

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

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Jessica Reymundo

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher List

| Vendor | Description of Items | P.O # | Amount |
|---------------------|--|--------------|----------------------|
| TJ Sportwide Trophy | Medals, Ribbons & Trophies for Halloween Events | 08-02259 | \$475.85 |
| AC Moore | Photo Albumn & Supplies for Sr. Picnic Photos` | 08-02242 | \$ 18.58 |
| NJRPA | Consignment Tickets for Amusement Parks | 08-02123 | \$8,080.00 |
| NJRPA | Great Adventure Tkts - Teen Program – Municipal Alliance | 08-01780 | \$ 580.00 |
| | | Total | \$ \$9,154.43 |

MOTION: To approve the voucher list made by Commissioner Denise Ridner.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Robin Foster

ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

Sent:

- 1) Letter sent to Mayor Dodd and Board of Aldermen regarding 2009 Fireworks, advising them the Recreation Commission would like the Fireworks to remain at Hamilton Field.

Received

- 1) Letter from Dover Board of Education requesting Mr. Iwicki & Mrs. Gilbert to attend a meeting on **October 21, 2008 at 6:00pm** at the Dover High School Board Conference room to plan for the 2008-09 school year. Two other commissioners may attend if any are available. (Denise Ridner & Jessica Reymundo volunteered to attend).
- 2) Email from Mayor Dodd stating he believes the Fireworks should remain in its current location.

Anything Else:

Denise Ridner & Robin Foster reported on meeting with Edward Correa of the Latino Leadership Alliance Meeting of New Jersey.

Note: **Next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Gilbert
Dover Recreation Office