

**DOVER RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013  
\*\* MINUTES \*\***

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Victor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:03pm 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:** Chairman Victor Rodriguez, Vice Chairman Maribel Garland, Commissioners Pete Gori, Donald Fritch, Joan Bocchino and Junior Carmona.

**Absent:** Commissioner Thomas MacDonald

**Also Present:** Alderwoman Blackman, Attorney Finc, Luis Acevedo (DPW Superintendent).

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Bocchino

**ALL IN FAVOR      MOTION CARRIED**

Dario Luna  
45 Edgewood Terrace  
Dover, NJ

Mr. Luna discussed he is running a boot camp for weight loss and he would like use of the basketball courts at Crescent field between 6am and 7am. He has a group of 22 people who will participate. Chairman Rodriguez explained he will need to fill out a permit application for use of town property. The form is located on the town website, under form center. Chairman Rodriguez said to fill out the application and submit it in time for the next meeting. Commissioner Bocchino asked if all participants are Dover residents. Mr. Luna said almost all the participants are from Dover; however he did have one that came from Newark. Commissioner Gori spoke words of support for Mr. Luna, having known him for ten years.

Michele Vega  
Dover Strikers Soccer President

Michele Vega asked about the protocol to sell items at Crescent field. She discussed whether or not a fire permit would be needed to plug in a crock pot at Hamilton Field. Luis Acevedo told her she would need a health permit to sell food, a fire permit for grill and fire extinguisher on premises. He was not sure if fire permit is needed for the crock pot.

Andrea Garcia Montes  
Victory Gardens Councilwoman

Ms. Montes said she has a daughter in 5th grade who attends St. Mary's Prep. She just moved her to North Dover; however she discovered it is too late for her to register for cheerleading and she would do anything to have her daughter in cheerleading. She pleaded with the Board to give her the opportunity. Chairman Rodriguez said he would contact Scott Mack and see what could be done.

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

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairwoman Garland.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** To approve Minutes of August 8, 2013, as written, was made by Commissioner Don Fritch.

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Bocchino.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS /VOUCHER LIST**

<b>P.O. Number</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
13-01856	Sarah Hernandez	Dorney Park Refund	\$ 108.00
13-01728	Morris County Park Commission	Show Mobile Usage Balance	\$ 85.00
13-01704	Nicks Restaurant & Pizzeria	Pizza Party- Summer last day	\$ 90.00
13-01953	Judith Kovar	Point Pleasant Trip refund	\$ 25.00
13-00708	Bronx Zoo	Summer Rec Trip	\$548.00
13-01816	DMC Promotions	Fireworks Sign	\$ 25.00
13-01763	Noris Pabon	Dorney Park Trip Refund	\$144.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1025.00</b>

**MOTION:** To approve Bills/Voucher list was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

**Use of Facility Applications - Board of Education Property**

Chairman Rodriguez reviewed the following applications with the Commissioners:

- 1) Don Fritch has applied for use of North Dover School Gym for Dover Recreation Basketball from November 11, 2013 thru March 12, 2014 from 6pm to 9pm (see attached list of dates and times.
- 2) Don Fritch has applied for use of Academy Street School Gym for Dover Recreation Basketball from November 11, 2013 thru March 12, 2014 from 6pm to 9pm (see attached list of dates and times.
- 3) Don Fritch has applied for East Dover Middle School Gym for Dover Recreation Basketball from November 11, 2013 thru March 12, 2014 from 6pm to 9pm. (see attached list of dates and times.)

**MOTION:** To approve applications 1-3 above was made by Chairman Rodriguez.

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairwoman Maribel Garland.

**Roll Call vote was taken.** All voted yes, except Don Fritch abstained.

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

## Reports

- a. Senior Citizen Committee. - no report
- b. Sport Committees - Pete Gori updated everyone on Football and said the program is doing well. The home opener was last Saturday and it was a beautiful day.
- c. Monthly Maintenance Report/DPW  
Luis Acevedo, DPW Superintendent reported on the following:  
**JFK Park** - Playground was removed. Mulch added. Plans will be forthcoming . The wooden structure had to be removed because it rotted due to age.  
**King Field** - Project was awarded at the Mayor and Board meeting this past Tuesday. The award went to JC Mains Landscaping. The football program will be moved to Crescent field and will not return to King Field next year. New fields are being installed, permanent fencing, back stops, drainage and sprinkler systems. Work to begin within 7 to 10 days, as early as Tuesday.  
**Hurd Park** - Contractor backed out - new bids and process to begin over again.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

**SENIOR CITIZENS DAY PICNIC: Thursday, September 5th with rain date of Friday, September 6, 2013** went well - approximately 200 seniors in attendance. No changes discussed for next year.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST & TRUNK OR TREAT** at Crescent Field Parking Lot:  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013**, Rain date Sunday, October 27, 2013 at Crescent Field Parking Lot  
Commissioners agreed to start earlier. Everyone to meet at noon to help set up. Registrations 1-2pm.  
Contest to start at 2:00pm.

**Halloween Fun Run** - Tentative dates October 24, 2013 with rain date of October 30, 2013, waiting for confirmation from Mr. Bullock.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** - Monday, December 2, 2013 with rain/snow date of Tuesday, December 3, 2013. Janet Gaynor-Matonti, the new supervisor of fine and performing arts for the Dover School District would like to know if you want the program shorter, if you just would like singers, or do you want the bands there? Last year there were some complaints that the program was too long. Commissioners discussed the length of the program and decided to have just singers for a performance no longer than half an hour. Discussion took place about the set up and limiting to one picture per person. Luis to set up a second tent for Mrs. Claus and elf to give out candy to keep the line moving. Alice was instructed to contact the Sperrys and Fire Department to request Santa be there at 6pm.

**Radio City Music Hall - Christmas Show** bus trip for adults and seniors on Monday, December 9, 2013. Show starts at 2:00pm. Bus leaves at 8:30am and returns at 8:00pm. Allows time for sightseeing and shopping before and after the show. Cost is \$57.00 each

## Public Portion

**MOTION:** Chairman Rodriguez made a motion to reopen the public portion so members of the public could speak.

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairwoman Garland.

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

Dominic Timpani  
2 Elm St

Mr. Timpani discussed the construction to take place at King Field. His major concern was that there was no consideration for a multipurpose field. He said this is about the kids.

Chairman Rodriguez explained the grant is from Major League Baseball and there will be 4 baseball fields. He said there are plans to put another turf field at Crescent field complex and re-doing Second Street side sometime in the future.

Discussion took place about Crescent Field and Commissioner Bocchino said she did not believe it was designated as Green Acres property. Attorney Finc said he would look into whether or not it is Green Acres.

**Close Public Portion and Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Made by Chairman Rodriguez to close the public portion and adjourn the meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairwoman Garland

**ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 10, 2013** at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Alice Gilbert, Secretary*  
Dover Recreation Commission