

Readington Recreation Minutes
April 26, 2006

A. Ed Dudzinski called the executive meeting to order at 6:30

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Attendance: Ed Dudzinski, Ron Armellino, Ken Groel, Mark Toman, Sharon Becker
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine
 - Public: Jake & Josh Spooner, Brian & Karen London, Sean & Andre Bone, Paul Jr. & Paul Serra, Erik Schaub and father, Jane and Patrick Landy , Alex Courtney

C. Executive Session:

1. Interview for Travel Soccer Coaches
 - John Vieira-Interested in becoming a coach because he loves soccer. He wants to assist to learn coaching and has played soccer several years. He is willing to take the courses necessary to become an assistant. John agreed to attend the soccer tryouts in May to see how things are run.
 - Rich Kilpatrick was unable to attend the interview but his credentials were discussed by the committee as most everyone knew him. He was recommended by Mark Toman.
 - Mark made a motion: ***The committee accepts John Vieira and Rich Kilpatrick as Readington travel coaches. They must have a Rutgers Safety Course and the F-License and get fingerprinted. Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.***
2. Jim Rohl Scholar Athlete
 - The Committee reviewed the candidates from e-mail and there was a discussion about them. After discussion most felt #3 and #6 were the most qualified.
 - Ron made a motion: ***The committee selects #3 and #6 for the scholarship. Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.***
 - Greta said # 3 was Hallie Guardo and #6 was Kyle Wachter.
2. Skate Park
 - There was a discussion on what the skate kids have been doing and where they are skating. After some discussion it was decided Greta would talk to Tom about letting them use a different place in Pickle Park. The committee would listen to what they have to say at this public meeting. Mark would tell them that they need to show respect for property if they want to get a park.
3. Ed made a motion:
 - ***Let's close the executive meeting and open the general meeting.*** Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting began at 7:45 P.M.

D. Minutes Approval:

Ron made a Motion: ***The minutes from the March 22, 2006 recreation meeting are accepted with the correction of spelling of Zachary Gisko to Zachary Gesko that was received by everyone through e-mail.*** Sharon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

E. Correspondence:

1. Thank you note.
 - Greta read the letter from Readington Athletic Booster Club/President Betty Ann Chieffo thanking us for our donation.

2. George Esteves- 5 year olds play in soccer.

- He wasn't present at the meeting but his concern was: There are 5 year olds that are not in Kindergarten but are 5 years old play that want to play soccer with the Kindergartens. He wants the program changed to date of birth rather than grade for this age.
- There was discussion about the baseball does it but would it cause problems with other ages. Do we change all grades? Travel soccer uses an age cut off.
- Jeff made a motion: ***Soccer players 5 years old not yet in Kindergarten may play Kindergarten soccer but must play it for 2 years.*** Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor.

F. Old Business:

1. Skate Park Update:

- The group presented us with a petition of over 750 signatures from schools, neighborhoods, and various school and recreation activities.
- They were asked about getting funding and Karen told us Red Bull supports with trade off and they do demo events to help.
- Karen said the cost is anywhere from \$100,000 - \$500, 00 and could be done in pieces. It wants to look like a corporate plaza rink about 5,000 square feet.
- The committee asked Karen to be the liaison for the skate group and that all the skaters do not need to come out to every meeting. They were asked to do:
 - Fine tune your prices.
 - Tell us where you would like this to be.
 - What exactly you want these to look like and size you want.
- Mark told the skaters they are doing a good job about showing and interest but they must get all skaters to respect property and people where they skate in order to get a skate board park. They must present themselves respectfully at all times. They were in agreement and would pass this along.
- They were told we will work on finding them a place to skate and we will communicate with Karen London on any changes or information.

2. Needs Assessment:

- Greta reported at the meeting it was decided that a needs assessment would best be done last week of September or first week of October.
- June would not be good because of the June primary election and the May 16th vote and just having the Board Elections.
- There are two companies that can do the assessment. Possible selector would be Anne. Anne focuses on parts and wants to send out randomly by zip code and follows up with everyone she sent to. She codes each survey so there are no duplications.
- Greta will keep us updated on selection.

3. Planting of tree in memory of Ernesto Renda-Tom Daley

- Tom, Greta and Patti met at Summer Road Park and decided to put a tree at far end of playground on outside.
- Tom went to Hidden Acres and they will deliver a tree.
- Tom will contact Jerry and Tom and the Renda family to plant it either first or second Saturday in May.
- Tom will get a plaque made to go in front of tree from Economy Trophies.

4. Meetings with various seniors groups in town-Greta
 - Greta has been attending Senior meeting with Tom and Betty Ann discussing the senior needs in our community.
 - They are looking into grants to improve a meeting place for them and set up more programs.
 - When Linda returns she will work with them and find out what their needs are.
5. Capital Expense Items
 - Fencing of Softball Fields
Greta had 3 quotes and Rudl Fencing had the lowest bid. This fencing is to be done around dug-outs of every softball field. She is going forward with them to get it done ASAP.
 - Paving of Tennis and Basketball Courts.
Greta received 2 quotes from Jacob's Sport Builders, Pa. and from Stem Enterprise. They are using an acrylic sealer and will do Pickell Park, Summer Road and Readington School basketball courts. Greta is finalizes this so it can get started. There is money in the capital funds for this project.
 - Other Capital Expenses-Suggestions
 1. Irrigation for fields and Drainage for all fields
 2. Soccer Wall-cinder block or wolvernized wood 25'-40' to practice kicking
 3. Lighted fields
6. Basketball Referee Problem-Ron
 - Ron and Greta met with John Z. and told him the scheduling and paying referees were unacceptable. He was told he would be given another chance to schedule but can not referee any more games in our township.
 - Greta met with him again and offered him a raise to do the scheduling but again said he could not be a referee in our township. He wasn't agreeable and still has not given Greta all the time sheets for the entire referee for this basketball season.
 - Ron recommended John be replaced.
7. Turf usage at Hunterdon High School
 - Mark reported that Soccer is getting equal time and everyone is satisfied.
8. Flag Football-Mike Schoderbek
 - Mike presented us with a flag football policy and procedure policy –rough draft
 - There was a discussion of where to play so they can have their own fields and not interpret the soccer fields. Looking into: Holland Brook School soccer field and use Cornhuskers for practice and use Three Bridges School fields. Tom will talk with Steve Bush.
 - Mike needs to make division rules and rules for team selections, and an evaluation process for fair teams.
 - Ron offered to make a program for our website and will send Patti a description to put in May's newsletter.
 - Ron made a motion: ***There will be a pilot program for a Co-ed Flag Football League for 1st -4th grade to start Fall 2006 and Tom Daley will be appointed liaison for Flag Football.*** Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor.

G. New Business

1. Travel Basketball Coaches Meeting-Ron
 - These issues will be discussed at next meeting: Play time rule, commitment by players, number on teams and review summary of season report- everyone e-mailed a copy to review.
 - Greta is collecting data from evaluations from parents. Will bring summary to next meeting.
2. Cost for using Readington Fields by outside groups-Greta
 - Greta wants everyone to rethink what we charge for our fields.
3. Commerce Bank-Greta
 - Greta wants everyone to know how generous Commerce Bank has been to all our needs. Recreation is now using this bank for all their accounts.
4. Fishing Derby June 18th Father's Day at Deer Path Park Pond
 - Ron Ervick will be there to do the fishing contest.
5. Rethink our Family Fun Day and re-instate it for next May
 - Greta would like everyone to think about it and bring it up for discussion at next meeting.
6. Park Descriptions for Web Page-Greta
 - Greta is going to get pictures to go with the description. It was suggested to get Arial shots and ground shots.
 - Ed made a motion: ***The park descriptions are put on the website with pictures to follow.*** Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor.

H. Adjourn the meeting.

Ed made the motion: ***The recreation meeting is adjourned at 10:00 P.M.*** Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken and written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, April 28, 2006

Minutes were updated by Patti Marcine, May 31, 2006