

Readington Recreation Minutes

August 22, 2007

- A. Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.
- B. Attendance:
1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bobnar, Becker, Linda Busch, Tom Daly, Mark Toman, Bill Keefe, Ken Groel
 2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine
 3. Public: Anthony Natalie, Jeff ?????, John????, Frank & Shea Garritano
- C. Minutes Approval:
- Mark made a Motion: *The minutes from the June 28th, 2007 recreation meeting are approved.* Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Correspondence: Thank you from Raritan Valley Roller Hockey for use of Summer Road Concession Stand for their Skate Day in June 2007
- E. Old Business
1. Movie Night-Ken
 - a. The original date was postponed because the forecast of rain.
 - b. Ken is having trouble with his equipment
 - c. Ken wants to talk with Mary Beth from Branchburg to see how they do their movie nights
 - d. After some discussion it was decided it would be best to have a company come and show the movie and not use Ken's own equipment
 - e. There was a question of getting permission from the township about a possible license to do this and what the insurance coverage would be through a company or the township.
 - f. Greta will contact Branchburg and talk with her and then check with the township what our legal status is about doing this in our parks.
 - g. We could sell snacks to pay for the company to show the movie not to profit.
 2. Holland Brook School Field Update
The field is in good shape. The school has been watering it all summer and it will be ready for this fall.
 3. Lacrosse-Ken
 - a. There has been a flyer sent out in Summer Rec. and an article in the Democrat. It will also be in the monthly newsletter.
 - b. There hopes to be a training class run in late fall with the help from Mike at the High School and possibly Mr. Clymer.
 - c. Greta will contact Mike and Bob about their help.
 4. Recycling
 - a. The bins were used at the softball tournaments and went ok. There was some trash in bins and some recycle items in trash.
 - b. RVD has blue recycle bins that we could possibly use. But Scott also said he could get tops for out wire garbage cans for recycle use.
 - c. Linda suggested we get sponsors to help pay for all the recycle cans we would need.
 - d. It was mentioned that Hunterdon County was going green and maybe they could help us out.
 - e. After some discussion it was decided:
 1. We need to pursue recycling in all our parks
 2. Scott would try to get us tops for our wire cans to use at the Soccerfest in both parks.
 3. We need to educate people about Readington Parks going green by
 1. Advertise on website, 2-Hang signs at parks in different places- Use logo "Keep our Community Green- Please Recycle"
 5. N.J. Devils Football Program
 - a. There was a discussion on football fields. Possibility of having a field at Summer Road on other side of S1 or one with Holland Brook School or maybe Hillcrest Park
 - b. Everyone read the letter and had a discussion on the possibilities of use.
 - c. Anthony, Jeff, and John gave a presentation on what the 2 teams were and needed.
 - d. They have 2 teams this year 5-6 grades which consists of 75% Readington players and 7-8 Grades which consists of 60% Readington players.

- e. They are looking for a place to practice 2 times a week. Their home games will be held at Hunterdon Central High School. Now they are practicing at Deer Path Park and it isn't working out.
- f. These teams are unlike the other football leagues because they have no weight restrictions and they play in the Skyland Conference as the High School.
- g. They would take responsibility for the field in anything it needs.
- h. After discussing all the fields recreation does not have available for their use it was decided to try to get use of the field behind Holland Brook School
- i. It was decided we would help them as best we can because of the importance of reaching out to another group of children that we can keep off the streets.
- j. The decision is: Greta will show Jeff the field and if he feels it will work then Greta will meet with Dr. Schiff about the situation. Then set up a meeting with Jeff, Greta, Dr Schiff, and Shea about the use and care of the back field for fall of 2007. If the school approves it then the football club and the school can work out the scheduling and care of the field for this fall.
- k. These football teams have agreed they would use a P.O.D. for storage of footballs, blocking dummies, etc. and use only a sled that would fit in there.

6. Needs Assessment on schedule

- a. Tom spoke to Ann about the corrections of the letters and to make sure everything is going on schedule to be sent out this September.
- b. The committee agreed they would like to see the final copy on letterhead and the final letters before they go out.
- c. Greta will call Ann to give us a status on the schedule and get us a final copy of assessment.

F. New Business

1. Out of Town Players on Travel Teams

- a. Tom Moore and Jeff Kane would like to have a Long Valley girl pitch on the 12 & under team, because the other pitchers are moving up and there is no real pitchers for that team.
- b. They will also need 3-4 players from Flemington to fill out the team to make a 14 & under team.
- c. They will be working on developing more pitchers this winter and spring with "Pitch with Rich" as mentors and hope to have all Readington pitchers in the near future.
- d. It was decided that the committee would support them using those players because our policy says we can use out of town players providing we don't have any Readington players to fill the teams.

2. Soccer Fest September 8 & 9 at Summer Road and Hillcrest Parks

- a. Mark reported there are 85 teams signed up to play.
- b. Jim Coleman is the new chairperson and has been having teleconference meetings on Tuesday evenings.
- c. Mark will be at Hillcrest running a game as Hops will be doing the same at Summer Road Park.
- d. Dave Fisher will make up signs for recycle, food and anything else we need.
- e. Greta will set up a meeting with Scott, and Jim and Mark for 4:00 P.M. one day next week.

3. Defibrillators at Concession Stand- It will be discussed at next meeting.

4. August 24 & 25 F License-- Greta said date would be changed to Sept. 14th & 15th

G. Other Business

1. Tennis-Hunterdon Outreach-- Hops will play on Sunday mornings for 6 weeks free at Courthouse Racquets on Route #31.
2. The township approved the hiring of Jill Harris to work for Readington Recreation 10-15 hours a week doing sponsors for tournaments, sports, ad books, etc.
3. Sharon is looking into a company in Bloomsburg about doing tennis courts.
4. Travel Volleyball will have 3 teams and can use the High School on Sundays 5-8. They will talk to Ron Armellino about scheduling gym time.
5. We have the H.S. Field House Gym on Sundays all day to 8:00 P.M. and gym on Tuesdays & Thursdays nights

H. Closing 9:55 P.M. Next meeting to be held on September 26, 2007.

Mark made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 10:30 P.M. on June 28, 2007.**

Bill seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, August 22, 2007.
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