

Readington Recreation Minutes  
March 22, 2006

A. Greta called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Attendance: Ed Dudzinski, Ron Armellino, Ken Groel, Bill Quinn, Mark Toman, Sharon Becker, Tom Daley
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine, Dave Furlong
3. Public: Jake & Josh Spooner, Paul London, Karen London, Kevin Kucharski, Harry Austin, Alex Courtney, Jordan, Gesko, Zachary Gesko, Mike Bivins, Federico Parra, Patrick Landy, Ned Tohme, Jane Lundy

C. Minutes Approval:

Ron made a Motion: *The minutes from the February 22, 2006 recreation meeting are accepted as corrected and received by everyone through e-mail.* Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. Correspondence:

None

E. Skate Board Presentation (Old Business Special Presentation)

1. Alex, Jake, Josh, and Paul gave a presentation on the need for a place to skate board.
2. They want a street skate place not with big jumps –a modern day street skate park.
3. A modern skate park includes stairs, railings, and obstacle courses not large ramps.
4. They would like to put it in the volleyball section of Pickell Park which measures 275 by 150. They would like it to be concrete with a fence around it with rules on it.
5. Karen said there is grant money available from the Grant Plaza Foundations and also from sponsors such as D.C. Shoes, Red Bull, Napster, etc. and local skate shops. She stated we could partnership with a company that isn't really a grant but they would actually help pay for the park. There is many of ways of getting funds.
6. The closest sample as to what they want is in Sayreville, not in Clinton Twp.
7. Dave Furlong presented a video on a skate board park in Ohio and it told us what street skating is like and what kind of Skate Park we are looking to have.
8. Greta suggested that we could provide a bus to Shields and rent the place out cheaper as a group if there was enough interest. The overall sense was no real interest.
9. Greta talked about the information she got at the conference she attended and asked about the idea of asphalt/blacktop instead of concrete.  
The asphalt would cost about \$100,000-\$200,000 verses concrete at \$300,000. They still want a concrete park.
10. There was a discussion on the issue of the park is Green Acres property so the park should be open to the public outside of Readington Township.
11. Greta suggested they do the following for our next meeting in March  
Give us a better understanding of the cost to build and maintain a skate park  
Give us a better understanding of the funding and what are trade-offs  
Bring a picture and sketches on how you want it to look and where you want it.  
Bring us a petition to show how much interest we have in the township.

A motion was made by Sharon-*The Readington Recreation will work with the residence group to pursue a Skate Park in this township with Mark Toman as our Liaison.* Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

G. Old Business

1. Needs Assessment
  - Mark and Tom would attend a meeting with Greta about the needs assessment.
2. Linda Busch
  - o Linda is now our official alternate member of recreation.
  - o Linda will be our Senior Liaison. Still checking on a Marching Band
3. Planting a tree in memory of Ernesto Renda-Tom Daley
  - o It was agreed to spend about \$500.00 for a tree about 10-12 feet high.
  - o It would be planted in Summer Road Park by Kevin.
  - o A plaque will be made and there will be a ceremony on a Saturday in late April or early May with the family present.
  - o It was suggested that we ask Jack George of J & J Landscaping to help get a tree.
4. Update on Gabriel Bolarakis Grant Writer-Tom Auriemma Pass – Tom not here
5. Review Capital Projects to present to Township Committee-Ed
  - o Pickell park and Readington School basketball courts are being refinished this spring
  - o Tennis courts need to be redone-Bruce Wiley is looking into writing a grant with USTA for tennis courts to be fixed.
  - o In the process of getting prices for signs for all our parks put in this spring.
  - o Suggestion was to put lights up behind Pickell Park and make a trail behind Pickell Park. Also to put up better netting from the men practicing there.
  - o Greta said we need to prioritize our projects and everyone makes a list for discussion for our next meeting.
  - o There was a discussion on how the parks are kept after tournaments.
  - o Mark mad a motion-***Any usage of fields outside of Readington Recreation teams there be a \$1,000.00 refundable deposit with a return contingent upon all rules of the park be followed and the park cleaned-up after their use.*** Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  - o Ed made a motion-***The recreation committee give \$500.00 to the volleyball league to help pay for coaches training.*** The motion was seconded by Mark. All were in favor. This is in favor of giving Laurie recognition for all her successful work with volleyball. We will write something up in the newsletter.
6. Cynthia Clitella March Madness Tournament-Ron
  - o The tournament went well and brought in about \$4,000.00
  - o There was one problem with a team and it's score. It was decided to use score cards for every game next year. In the rules it will be put that a protest of a game must be done in a certain time, not 15 minutes before a game.
7. Shannon Daley Memorial Tournament Update-Tom Daley
  - o Tom reported everything was going along fine and hopes everyone attends.
8. Trail Grant Update-Greta
  - o Stickney Property is going to have markings and rules on the trails through Round Valley. Al is taking care of it.
  - o Ed suggested should have information on trails online to find the routes.
  - o Ed and Greta will attend an open space committee meeting
9. Memorial Day Parade- Tom Auriemma Tom not available to report

New Business

1. Meeting at Four Seasons-Tom Aurieamma
  - Greta reported the meeting went well
  - They would like trips scheduled
  - They want us to communicate by including them in our newsletter
2. Report back from NJRPA Conference- Greta
  - She talked with people about the skate park as discussed earlier
  - She talked with people about needs assessment
3. Basketball Referee Problem-Ron
  - Greta, Ron & Ed will meet with John to address :
  - A. Problems with scheduling
  - B. Treatment towards parents & scorers
  - C. No one has gotten paid
  - D. His referee skills need improvement
4. Travel Softball-Greta We lost the older girls team from lack of interest
5. Turf Field Usage at Hunterdon Central for Soccer-Mark
  - Paul got travel soccer usage of the turf field but needs to go to High School for more usage not Flemington. We should have equal usage of the fields.
6. Additional new Business
  - Web Page Update- The committee still wants the Rec icon moved up to easier access our web page. Tom is working on it.
  - Batting Cages-Greta wants all softball fields change their batting area to have an entrance to field. She is checking with Eagle Fence and Rudl Fence Companies for prices.
  - Ron discussed the Susan & Chelsea McKara Memorial Tournament held May 13 & 14 and would like the committee to give a donation.  
Ron made a motion-***The Readington Recreation gives a \$250.00 donation to the Susan & Chelsea McKara Memorial Fund.*** Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  - Flag Football- Read and discuss at the next meeting.

Adjourn the meeting.

Ed made the motion: ***The Recreation meeting be adjourned at 10:40 P.M.*** Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken and written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary. March 27, 2006