

Readington Recreation Minutes

October 25, 2007

A. Greta called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and then introduced Jill Harris, the new part-time assistant to Greta and Patti.

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Attendance: Jeff Kane, Bill Keefe, Ken Groel, Bill Quinn, Tom Daley
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine, Jill Harris
3. Public: John Hunt

C. Minutes Approval:

Jeff made a Motion: *The minutes from the September 25th, 2007 recreation meeting are approved with the correction on wording in Old Business E-7 and E-10.* Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. Correspondence: Tewksbury Twp. sent us a thank you for the use of our fields while their fields were under development.

E. Old Business

1. Recycling Cans form RVD-Jeff

a. Jeff contacted RVD about getting recycle cans for out parks. RVD will donate 48 Blue 32 gallon cans with recycle painted on them to be delivered in Spring 2008. They would like a little recognition for their donation. A sign will be made up to recognize RVD's donation to help us recycle in all Readington Parks. It was suggested we use orange bags and they be put next to the garbage cans in the parks.

2. Landscaping of Pickel Park maintenance-Greta

a. Scott Jasmine had a concern about the annual maintenance of the flower beds and shrubs. In response, Garden Associates has agreed to get people to do the maintenance of the flower beds and shrubs.

3. Summer Road letter to residence-Tom

a. Tom said no letter has been sent to any Summer Road residence.
b. Tom suggested a letter be sent explaining the need for a "multi-purpose field" (soccer, field hockey, lacrosse or FLAG football, not tackle football) with a map identifying the exact location of this field. It should also include a statement restricting parking to the street or down near the new field.

c. Greta will check with Scott on the time frame needed to make a field ready to use and then check with Vita. (Check with her for what?)

4. Travel Basketball Report-Tom Daley

a. Tom reported we had 50 fewer players try out for travel than last year. There will be a 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Grade Boys teams and 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Girls Teams. There will be between 10-12 players on each team.

b. Factors were other sports being offered and we do have a healthy recreation program.

5. CPR Training-Greta

a. Greta reported only about 10 coaches participated in the course

b. Joel Kerwin has offered to do it again in January one Tuesday and the following week on a Thursday and then again in the Spring.

c. It was decided parents may take CPR if there is room in the class, but must pay fee of \$30.00.

6. Policies and Procedures for Basketball possible changes-Greta

a. There was a question of 4th grade boys –Should they have standings and is it in the Basketball Policies?

b. Bill Keefe made a motion: Basketball policy and procedures be revised and approved for Committee to read and vote on. Tom Daley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Bill Quinn will do this and e-mail the committee a copy of revised policy.

c. Readington Rec Basketball Basic Skills Training Clinics for Coaches and Players. The Clinic should be rewritten stating The Malik Allen Basketball Academy must make a commitment to when and where Malik Allen will appear and the cost factor of his appearance. Also on the proposed clinic schedule the 3rd grade boys need to be given time slots.

7. **Volleyball-Holland Brook School**

a. Greta reported the sleeves have been installed and are ready for use by volleyball. Awaiting equipment delivery over there. Team will be moved to Wednesday nights at Holland Brook beginning at 6 pm and allowing 15 minutes for set-up and ending in time for Adult Soccer to begin at 7:45 pm. Adult soccer also volunteered to assist in the takedown of the net system.

b. Bill K. reported that volleyball is doing very well, given the undefeated seasons enjoyed by both RMS teams this year.

8. **Needs Assessment Update-Greta**

a. There have been over 425 returns (1500 went out)so far and about 125 incorrectly addressed.

b. All letters went out as well as reminder postcards.

c. There should be a report made to the committee next month

9. Gym Space-Greta reported Ron Armellino is scheduling all gym usage for fall-2007/winter-2008

F. **New Business**

1. **Tennis Court Petition from Public**

a. The recreation department received a 200 +signatures on a petition to have the tennis courts renovated. Recreation will draft a letter responding to them that we are addressing the issue and hope to have them renovated this spring. Our plans will be put in newsletters.

b. Greta has approached 3 companies to get prices and will discuss with Vita when received. Tom A. offered to help with engineers on getting this started in the spring.

c. Greta is looking into the usage time on the tennis courts by Bruce and others.

2. **New High School Girls Program being advertised**

There are 20 girls so far and hope to get 20 more to make 2 teams to put together this program.

3. **Ski Club-Greta**

a. Friday nights there will be 6th,7th,8th Middle school ski club at Shawnee. Registration is until November 14th and looking for about 50 more kids.

b. There will also be a Family Ski Club on Sunday's at Shawnee.

4. **PR-How to communicate better with community liaison**

Greta is looking into getting signs put up to advertise our upcoming events but must check on sign ordinance and location. She will report back at next meeting.

5. **Recreation Committee Bylaws**

a. The committee should have by-laws for the framework of the committee and guiding committee members' responsibility. Bill Quinn will revisit what the committee started a while ago

6. **5th Grade Travel Basketball "B" Team**

a. There was extensive discussion covering a wide range of issues regarding the arbitrary formation of a travel basketball "B" team because of the high numbers that tried out for the league.

b. Jeff made a motion: **"The committee will not allow the formation of a Boys 5th Grade "B" Team based on policy and procedure in place at this time.** Bill K. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. **Minutes on web page time line**

a. Minutes on web page for year 2007 including Sept. 07 will be given to Ken by Patti this week.

b. Minutes should be posted every month once committee has approved them.

8. **Appointment of a Vice Chairperson**

Vice Chairperson should be selected based on Committee seniority. Greta will ask accordingly.

Position needs to be filled at next meeting.

G. **Other Business**

1. It was asked about the Hunterdon Central's turf field schedule- Paul, President of Travel Soccer works with Flemington on schedules. Soccer and softball use the turf fields at HCHS

2. Several Committee members requested the minutes to the meetings be completed and distributed to all committee members within several days of the meeting to permit accurate recap of items discussed.

H. **Closing** Next meeting will to be held on November 28th, 2007.

Jeff made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 9:55 P.M. on October 25, 2007.**
Bill Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, November 28, 2007.