

Readington Recreation Minutes
October 25, 2006

- A. Sharon Becker called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.
- B. Attendance:
1. Committee Attendance: Mark Toman, Jeff Kane, Tom Daly, Linda Busch, Bill Quinn, Sharon Becker, Bill Keefe
 2. Township Officials: Tom Auriemma, Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine
 3. Public: Mike Morelli
- C. Minutes Approval:
Sharon made a Motion: ***The minutes from the September 27, 2006 recreation meeting are approved.***
Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- C. Correspondence:
1. Letter from Ron Armellino about a \$500.00 donation to the Stephen Bush Basketball Tournament. Monies collected will go to the Readington Middle School Athletic Booster Club.
 2. Jeff made a motion: ***Readington Recreation will give a \$500.00 donation to the Stephen Bush Basketball Tournament.*** Sharon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- E. Old Business
1. Travel Basketball parents Presentation-Tom Daley
 - a. The presentation was held in the Readington Middle School Cafetorium
 - b. There was a conflict of a rescheduled back to school night at the Holland Brook School so only about 40-50 parents were present
 - c. The feedback was positive and were glad they were informed on the procedures of team selection and expectations for the season
 - d. It was decided this should be done for each sport every year because it is good reinforcement of what each sport expects from parents, players and coaches.
 2. Paving of walkways at Summer Road Park
 - a. Material estimate was \$33,000.00 for materials with labor done by Twp. Road Department
 - b. Greta asked Ernie Renda to check the price and he said it was okay. This paving would include the walkway from the parking lot to the playground and to the softball fields and then up the driveway to the hockey rink/bathrooms. This would allow easy access for handicap people to get to our fields.
 3. Needs Assessment-Tom A.
 - a. The township committee was in favor of using Ann Toole for doing the needs assessment
 - b. Tom reported next Monday October 30, 2006 at the township meeting should finalize the approval for doing the needs assessment and still be within the time table Ann set up.
 - c. The process should begin in November with the objective of sending the survey to the community in mid January 2007
 - d. An inventory of the facilities used for recreation will be mentioned in the survey
 - e. Next meeting we need to discuss exactly who should be in the focus groups .
 - f. We need representation from each sport group when forming focus groups
 4. Adult Volleyball Directive
 - a. Health quest has volleyball from 7:00-10:00 for \$10.00 /session. Suggestion was made that we look into negotiating a group price with Healthquest and sending our adult volleyball players there.
 - b. Previously volleyball has been asked for registration forms and funds collected by Greta who suggested that they start a league on Wednesday evenings. This never happened.
 - c. We need to make sure we have enough Readington residents interested in an adult volleyball each week to justify the use of the gym
 - d. Greta will look into a price from Healthquest.

5. Grants update-Sharon

Sharon reported that the updated grant request was not yet posted for a USTA grant, but is to be available by October 31, 2006. She will continue to search for grants.

6. SAGE Meeting-Mark

- a. Mark was unable to attend but as far as he knows the meeting went well. He said they have great signs for the parents to see and we could use them in the gym during the basketball season
- b. It was suggested that we do a program like this for recreation basketball. Greta will do one on November 18th during basketball evaluations in Readington School Cafetorium. She said she has a sports parent guide that she could use with a slide presentation.

7. Travel Basketball Policy Changes

a. Player absents and what are the consequences

1. The rule is once a player is in uniform they must play the minimum minutes in the game a game according to the league rules they are playing under.
2. Have the policy in place if player misses has two unexcused absences they can not play in the game or dress in their uniform for one game. It is hoped that this will be a good deterrent and not have to be used during the season

b. Selection of travel players whose decision is it whether to take an extra player on the team

1. It was discussed that younger teams should take more players.
2. If the 10th & 11th players are close in skill level then take 11 players however if there is a big difference between the 10th player and the remaining players only take 10 players for the team
3. No definite decision was made in regards to this situation

c. Evaluation process-brief discussion-Tom D.

1. They went very well and the teams were published on the website by numbers not names
2. Tom reported the evaluations were similar last year just fine tuned for this year
3. Next year we need a meeting of all those asked to do the evaluations and go over the Criteria so that each evaluator is looking for the same skill sets for each player at their particular grade level
4. Tom suggested for next year evaluators should not know each other or the kids to make it fair for everyone. They should also have more say as to who is on the team not so the coach. Had 4 women this year doing the evaluations for the girls teams and hope to get more for next year.
5. Suggest parents not be present in the gym during tryouts but have a parent meeting then.

8. High School Gym Usage-Tom D.

- a. Tom reported we still have not heard from the High School about the 7th & 8th grade Rec teams playing there.
- b. The High School gyms are needed by the middle of November because travel is already started practice and could use High School gyms now Sunday Dec. 3rd is the start date for the boys high school program with Flemington Raritan Basketball League. This has already been approved by the high school
- c. Greta said she would call Bob Rossi Athletic director to see if she could find out anything
- d. High School can not be used for the Holiday Tournament- we will be using HealthQuest
- e. High School said we need to end High School program in February not March because the NJSIAA spring season starts in March because Daylight savings time is earlier (2nd week in March) Kevin reseeded Hillcrest with a quick seed and it was ready for the tournament. Greta says they need to be seeded now with an athletic field grass seed. Some Hillcrest fields need to be reseeded and put to rest. Cornhuskers needs a lot of work done on the small field which are used for T Ball and Field Hockey

9. Travel Soccer hosted a Regional S>A>G>E meeting on October 5, at RMS Cafetorium at 7:30.

- a. The committee was invited.
- b. Referee Class will be held October 14, 15, 17 at Holland Brook School. So far 28 people signed up. Referees get paid \$35.00-\$40.00 a game

- c. Hunterdon Central is having Youth Night to help build bridges between our soccer program and Hunterdon High School program
- d. Elite Feet program is Monday nights for anyone who wants to practice individual skills and is held by UK-Elite

10. Seniors Update-Linda

- a. Seniors seem to be doing well with lots of activities.
- b. The Link is taking seniors from the Mirato House to the Polish American Club for monthly meeting
- c. Some Seniors wanted some new playground equipment as Cushentuk Park for their grandchildren.
- d. There is still an interest in a walking path at Pickell Park. Suggested we use Eagle Scout to do project as a community service or some other civic organization. Bill Quinn will ask the Eagle Scout leaders at the next boy scout meeting.
- e. Linda also mentioned the possibility of buying the Polish American Club building for Senior Citizens Tom A. is looking into this possibility

F. New Business

- 1. Travel Softball Clinic this winter-Jeff
 - a. It was decided that Jack Kelly would do a pitching clinic and Jeff, Joel and Tom Moore would run a softball clinic this winter
 - b. Jeff wants get someone else to help like the coach from RVCC.
 - c. The clinic will begin in January on Sunday evenings for ages 9,10,11,12,13 for all softball players travel and rec.
 - d. Jeff will look into costs and space. He mentioned that Cust does a softball clinic already.
- 2. Review Injury Policy-Greta
 - a. Greta said whenever in doubt always call 911
 - b. Greta will notarize all travel team registration forms, but not recreation registration forms
- 3. Ski Club Update
 - a. School ski club has 33 slots open to fill 2 buses. Still have openings for Sunday family ski
- 4. Hunterdon Central Soccer Night
 - a. Mark reported it was the Readington & Flemington Greater Soccer Clubs and was very successful.
 - b. There were over 100 Readington people present each night and had pizza for all kids
- 5. Halloween Summer Road-Patti
 - a. Halloween Party to be held Saturday, October 28 from 2:30-4:30 with a Tricky Trunk
 - b. Patti said she needed help and Sharon said she and her daughter would help
- 6. Recreation Basketball Clinic-Ed
 - a. Everyone seemed to agree on Hunterdon Hoops that have some Readington players as clinicians
 - b. Jeff made a motion: **Recreation accepts Hunterdon Hoops proposal to do our Recreation basketball clinics this season with a pending discount.** Bill seconded the motion. Everyone in favor.
 - c. Greg Smith wants to do an all day clinic with NBA Molinque Allen on Feb. 10 Saturday for \$2,500.00 for grades 5th-8th grades with 20 kids at a slot having max.
 - d. It was decided to get more details for next meeting.

G. Other Business

- 1. Mark said he attended the referee class and wanted to know how we are going to break in all kids that took the course. After discussion it was agreed that we would set up a mentorship for Spring 2007 for all the young referees possibly doing the 5th & 6th grade games.

Next Meeting November 29, 2006. Sharon made the motion: ***The recreation meeting is adjourned at 10:00 P.M.*** Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, October 25, 2006.

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