

Readington Recreation Minutes

November 28, 2007

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

B. **Attendance:**

1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bobnar, Jeff Kane, Mark Toman, Bill Quinn, Tom Daley
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine, Jill Harris
3. Public: John Hunt, Terry & Ron Anastasi

C. **Minutes Approval:**

Jeff made a Motion: *The minutes from the October 25th, 2007 recreation meeting are approved with the correction on wording in Old Business E-1 and F-6.* Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. **Correspondence:** None

E. **Old Business**

1. **Summer Road Letter review**

a. After some discussion about minor corrections Greta will correct the letter on letterhead and have it signed by Gerry Shamey. Mark will get park's proposed field layout to go with letter to be sent out.

b. Jeff made a Motion: *The committee accepts the Summer Road Letter with corrections made by Greta, signed by Gerry Shamey and sent out with a field layout.* Bill Quinn seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. **Ski Club-Greta**

a. There are 2 full buses with RMS students going Friday nights to Shawnee to ski. Debbie McKenna is coordinating the Family Sunday program for families to ski Sunday at Shawnee and a ski weekend trip.

3. **Basketball Skills Clinic 12/1 & 12/8-Tom D.**

a. Tom reported the Malik Allen Basketball Academy will be doing clinics for 2 Saturdays at Holland Brook School, Whitehouse School and Three Bridges School for all 2nd Grades through 4th Grade players.

b. Malik Allen will not be present but he will have 1 instructor at HB and WH and 2 at TB schools

c. Ron Armellino has posted instructions and schedules to all coaches.

4. **High School Girls Program - Greta**

a. Kevin Rafferty started program in Flemington and we have about 30-40 boys playing but only about 4-6 girls. Bill McGath has offered to take our girls and make a team rather than split in Flemington.

5. **New Member Recommendation-Executive Announcement**

a. After a closed door discussion Jeff made a Motion: *Recreation Committee will make a recommendation to the Township Committee for Approval to have John Hunt become an alternate on the recreation committee.* Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor. Greta would get on the township committee agenda for the next township meeting on December 2, 2007.

6. **Vice Chairperson Selection**

a. The selection is made by seniority. Bill Quinn, with the most seniority, accepted the position.

b. Jeff made a Motion: *The Recreation Committee appoints Bill Quinn as Readington Recreation's Vice Chairperson.* Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. **Ordinance for Electric Sign - Greta**

a. Greta reported it is in the ordinance there are no electric signs for any building in township.

b. There was a discussion about putting up a sign in front of Municipal Building that we could change to advertise Recreation's sport & summer registration dates and activities. Greta said she would discuss it with the township what we could have and the cost of it.

8. **Update for Independent Basketball Team – Greta**

a. They are playing in 2 leagues a Rib league and a State League. They pay for their own referees and custodian service if they are at our schools. They will do some practices at YMCA.

9. **Recreation Basketball Update – Bill Quinn**

a. Bill reported all teams are made some grades more players than last year and some grades less. The 7th-8th grade boys are larger, 5th-6th same, 4th grade boys still short 1 coach, 3rd boys-8 teams, 2nd grade is good, 3rd-4th grade 5 teams, 5th-6th grade-4 small teams, 7th-8th girls have 13 girls and will play as 1 team with Bill Rivituso as coach and Bill Quinn as assistant with Flemington teams.

10. Tennis Petition Letter – Tom A.

a. Tom reported the Township Committee strongly recommends we fix the tennis courts now. Sharon and Greta will get estimates so they can go out to bid.

b. There was a discussion on the lights on the tennis courts needing to be redirected to brightness on courts and not on roadways.

F. New Business

1. Volleyball Tryouts and team selection update –Bill K./ Greta

a. There was a discussion with Terri & Ron Anastasi, Coaches for the 14 & Under Travel Volleyball team about their players. They have 7 girls returning from last year and 3 dropped off the team, leaving the team needing more players. There were 2 Readington girls that tried out but never played travel before and there were some out of town girls that tried out too.

b. The committee recommended to the coaches to take the 2 girls plus 1-2 out of town players to make the team 10-11 players. The coaches will meet with the 2 Readington players and their parents along with Marie Hartman and Bill Keefe to discuss what a travel volleyball player's commitment and responsibilities are. The team must follow the rules that all players play 30% of each game and every team player must play safe on the courts.

2. Volleyball Coaches Interviews?

a. Greta said they were never officially done by the committee and need to be done. They will be evaluated this spring and then be interviewed in order to play in 08-09 season.

3. Holiday Get Together Dec. 7 at 7:00 PM at La Casa Bianca

a. Greta reminded everyone of the get together and invited John Hunt to attend.

4. Notice to recreation basketball parents about cost of program

a. It was decided that Greta and Bill Quinn will make up a pie chart showing what the costs are and publish it in the Readington News, the Township Paper and have a copy available at registrations

5. Use of list server for Readington Twp. Schools and Township i.e. registration

a. Greta said the school will put on our registration dates (about 3 times a year) and will also speak to Ken about the possibility of our own server.

6. Rutgers Class December 12, 2007 at RMS Cafetorium 6:30 pm (FYI)

a. Greta asked all the committee members to remind all the coaches about this class

7. Donations to Hunterdon Central Booster Club and Steve Busch

a. Mark made a Motion: *Readington Recreation make a donation of \$500.00 to Hunterdon Central Booster Club and a donation of \$500.00 to Steve Bush Tournament.* Tom Daley seconded it. All were in favor.

8. Holiday Basketball Tournament December 26-30, 2007

Greta invited everyone to come to the tournament and invite others to come and to donate to the Holiday book. Jeff did the book last year and will teach Jill how to do the book this year.

9. How Tournaments for travel programs keep the cost down-Greta

Greta and Bill will make pie charts to show the public what exactly they contribute to our sport programs and how much we need their support for these tournaments.

10. No Meeting in December and the next meeting will be January 23rd , 2008

11. Members to continue for 2008 same as 2007

All members that were present said they would remain on the committee for another year

G. Other Business

1. Tom A. reminded everyone to come to Parade meeting Dec. 12th at 7:30 at Municipal Building

2. There was a discussion on getting the results of the needs assessment. Greta will contact her about presenting us with a presentation in January with the results.

H. Closing Next meeting will to be held on January 23, 2008

Mark made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 10:00 P.M. on November 28, 2007.**

Jeff seconded it. All were in favor.

