

Readington Recreation Minutes
November 29, 2006

- A. Sharon Becker called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.
- B. Attendance:
 - 1. Committee Attendance: Mark Toman, Tom Daly, Linda Busch, Bill Quinn, Sharon Becker, Bill Keefe
 - 2. Township Officials: Tom Auriemma, Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine
 - 3. Public: Mike Schoderbek.
- C. Minutes Approval:

Sharon made a Motion: *The minutes from the October 25, 2006 recreation meeting are approved with the correction made under Old Business separate Travel Soccer from High School Gym usage.*

Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Correspondence: none
- E. Old Business
 - 1. Recreation Basketball Clinics –Tom/Greta
 - a. Greg Smith Proposal
 - 1. Greg would like to do a clinic with an NBA Basketball player, Malik Allen from the Chicago Bulls for Grades 5-8, individual age brackets.
 - 2. Greg's objective is to expose our players to an NBA player and show them the importance of practice, learning skills and get them ready for high school by having a clinic and talking with the players.
 - 3. Greg would set this program up but would not run it. It would be held All Star weekend when Malik Allen would be in New Jersey.
 - 4. The cost was estimated at \$2200-\$2400, but Greta will look into exact costs.
 - 5. It was concluded that this would be a good opportunity for the players but the price needs to be lowered and the program needs to be each age group and half the time should be speech with discussion and other half a clinic. Tom will forward this to Greg Smith
 - b. Hunterdon Hoops New Cost
 - 1. Cost is \$4200.00 plus a full page ad in the Christmas Booklet
 - 2. This cost includes all sessions at Holland Brook, Whitehouse & Three Bridges Schools
 - 2. Needs Assessment-Tom A.
 - a. Focus Groups should be formed ASAP and should include Hops, Teens, Seniors, Recreation Sports (include fields, gyms, activities, and resources).
 - b. Time Frame for Survey should be a time when residents are home and have time to fill one out Like Fall, February or May.
 - c. Contract was sent to Ann Toole after the Township Committee approved the contract.
 - 3. Grants Update-Sharon
 - a. Most funds are not available until 2007
 - b. Sharon is still searching the website for different ideas.
 - c. Ken will make a recreation message board online so the committee can add things that we need from recreation
 - 4. Softball Clinic RVCC
 - a. RVCC and Bridgewater are full
 - b. Tom Moore wants to go back to Jack Cust and charge the kids and use some of the tournament to help offset the cost.
 - c. Could try CJIS-Aspen Ice, or Zone.
 - 5. Flag Football Summary-Tom D.
 - a. Mike reported that Mike and Tom will work on writing up rules for the committee to approve which will include what penalties should be called.
 - b. Mike asked about more fields. Ernie Renda has offered to help with fields and possible using Holland Brook School but the question is: who will take care of the school field.
 - c. Mike said there is a strong interest in having a 5th-6th grade league with John Hunt taking charge but they want to be more physical at this age. Bridgewater allows tackle for 5th graders.

- d. Football goals are
 1. More specific rules to be put on paper
 2. New Fields possible Summer Road
 3. Add a 5th-6th grade league

6. Inline Skating

- a. Bill Keefe reported Branchburg, Bridgewater and Flemington want to make an independent club and wants Readington to join. They want us to rent our rink to them. Bill K. will get more information to report to us next meeting with more details before we make a decision.
- b. It was suggested to advertise our Rink for public use for individuals and families by using our Website and showing a picture of it online.

F. New Business

1. Travel Soccer Meeting-Mark

- a. Mark reported that soccer has a good season with no real complaints
- b. The lights worked well but would like to use field 4 instead of field 3 because it is drier at Hillcrest
- c. Field Maintenance- need to fix goals at Summer Road because they blew over this fall. It was suggested to us spiral stakes so Mark will get them and try it before thinking about permanent Goals that can't be moved. Tom A. suggested a cable system to anchor a goals. Mark will look into it.
- d. Mark is stepping down as Director for the Soccerfest-looking for a new volunteer.
- e. Travel soccer would like to try other trainers besides UK-Elite

2. Paul & Mark will work on rules and policy for soccer this winter to have it approved by spring

3. Movie Night in the Park-Ken

There was a discussion on showing movies in the park in the summer as a fund raiser or just fun. Ken loves doing this and says it's about \$150 & up to get a licensed movie. Ken will look further into costs and bring it back to another meeting.

4. Soccer Wall-Greta

Greta received a price of \$8,900.00 and doesn't know if it is worth it. She will check into what the one at White Oak Park is like. A suggestion was made to use wulvenized wood instead of concrete. Greta will look further into more estimates.

5. Spring Family Day-Greta

Greta would like the committee to consider having a family fun day on opening day for Spring Sports on April 14th from 11:00-3:00.

6. Girls Volleyball Program-Greta

There has been a third team added, we now have 12 & Under, 13-14 & Under and a 15 & Under This is becoming a growing sport which is making gym space even harder to get.

7. Holiday Get Together-Tentative date Dec. 21st at La Casa Bianca

8. A Recreation Volunteer Event- Greta wants to thank all coaches and spouses Suggested we have a dinner or a movie and picnic supper.

9. Ed Dudzinski is retiring at the end of this year. Greta suggested the committee think of someone They think would be good for our committee.

10. Senior update-Linda

- a. Linda has a bus going from the Mirato to Whitehouse School for people to watch the concert.
- b. Linda Ashforth is going to put in Readington News about senior information.
- c. Linda said the 2 baby swings were great at Cushentenk Park.
- d. The picture board at Mirato is Great and they will be having a Christmas Party Dec 10th.
- e. She still wants a walking path to Pickle Park hope to use Eagle Scouts to build it.

G. Other Business

1. Sharon made a motion: The Recreation Committee to approve the travel basketball program.

Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Sharon made a motion: The Recreation Committee meeting is adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, November 29, 2006

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, December 4, 2006

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, January 9, 2007

