

Readington Recreation Minutes

September 26, 2007

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

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bobnar Becker, Linda Busch, Jeff Kane, Bill Keefe, Ken Groel, Bill Quinn
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine
3. Public: Bill Goodwin, Diane Ventelli, Dominick Stanzione

C. Minutes Approval:

Ken made a Motion: *The minutes from the August 22, 2007 recreation meeting are approved.*

Bill Keefe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. Correspondence: None

E. Old Business

1. Movie Night-Ken

- a. Ken talked with a company that would come and show the movie, bring a screen of about 15' by 12', which would show about 100-150 people. They also have a snow cone machine and a popcorn machine.
- b. Ken wants to talk with Mary Beth from Branchburg to see how they do their movie nights what company they used and what size screen they use and how many people actually came.
- c. It was decided to show a movie (in which we get not the company) as a spring opener at Hillcrest Park. We would get our own popcorn machine from either Bill Quinn (baseball) or from La Casa Bianca. We could also open the snack stand.
- d. The movie would be shown at Hillcrest Park behind the snack stand in the baseball field with lights along the walkway for people to see

2. Holland Brook School Field Update

The Junior Devils football players are using the field and it's working out well. There is a port a john there.

3. Recycling Cans

Greta reported the cans came in after the tournament but Scott will put them up at Summer Road Park every weekend. They will have orange bags to keep them separate.

4. Recycling Statement-Linda

- a. Linda thought the students could come up with a logo about recycling and give them a \$50.00 gift certificate from Borders. Patti suggested with use RMS students and will talk with Mrs. Sepesi.
- b. Jeff will talk with a RVD person to see if they can help us get cans for all the parks and Sharon will call Hunterdon County to see if they could help with the expense of recycle bins.
- c. Greta said she would like a Clean Community Day in the spring where volunteers clean-up the town and have a picnic in the park afterwards. It should be done same day as planting at Pickell Park.

5. Landscaping of Pickell Park walking path-Linda

- a. Dominick gave a presentation on new landscaping for Pickell Park which will be designed and directed by Garden Associates. The committee approved the designs and decided it should be presented to the Township Committee for approval with a little more details in the presentation.
- b. Diane will do the business part and we would plan on getting grants, donations and volunteers to do this job. It would be community based project.
- c. The committee decided it would be nice if this could be complete by the Memorial Day Parade.
- d. Linda will go with Dominick, Diane and Dave (owner of business) to the township committee.

6. Needs Assessment-Greta

The letter went out and now the surveys are out in everyone's homes.

7. Junior Devils Program

- a. Bill Goodwin presented the committee with a concern about the Junior Devils tackle football team using the Holland Brook School field.
- b. The Recreation Committee stated that the Junior Devils Football program is not sponsored by the Township Recreation Committee. When they request a field from the Township Parks, the Recreation Committee stated that the town did not have a suitable facility for their program and referenced them to the Readington BOE.

c. The Recreation Committee stated that it was unlikely that a suitable facility would be available in the township parks for fall 2008 season.

8. Tennis Grant-Greta

The tennis grant for this fall has fallen through. Greta will get estimates on resurfacing the tennis courts and get an engineer to help with it. Sharon will try for another scholarship for this spring.

9. Flag Football-Ken

- a. Mike asked for garbage cans to be put at their fields. Greta said she will get them there.
- b. They can use H-3 as another field for practice.

10. Recommendation of John Hunt to be our new committee member.

- a. John Hunt expressed an interest in committee membership.
- b. As we previously agreed, for the Recreation Committee to recommend a member to the Township Committee, that person should first confirm interest by attending and participation in Committee meeting.
- c. According, John will be invited to attend the next meeting-October 24, 2007.

F. New Business

1. Basketball Update

- a. Evaluations for Travel Basketball will be October 8.
- b. Tom Daley is our travel basketball liaison and Bill Quinn will be our recreation liaison.
- c. Recreation basketball evaluations will be November 17th
- d. Ron Armellino is doing all the scheduling for all the gyms. Gym space is still tight and trying to get more time for Volleyball which is growing.

2. Appointment of a Volleyball Liaison-Greta

- a. Greta recommended Bill Keefe and all were in favor and Bill accepted.
- b. There is a nice volleyball brochure to be sent out next week. Fee is \$325.00 for travel.

3. Volleyball Gym Space

- a. Bill said volleyball needs more time to practice. He is trying to work out Wednesday nights.
- b. Volleyball is trying to get sleeves for Holland Brook Gym so they can use that gym.

4. Walking Path at Summer Road Park-Greta

The walking path is being paved on Thursday from the parking lot to the rink and the playground. Scott built a retaining wall around the rink to keep the mud from going onto the rink.

5. Summer Road Park Fields Ideas-Greta

- a. Recreation wants to put in a field behind field #1 at Summer Road Park to be used for various sports but not tackle football.
- b. A letter (approved by Vita) will be sent out to nearby residents to inform them of our plan before anything gets started.
- c. The field is really needed in 2008 spring/fall if possible.

6. CPR/First Aid offering week of October 8th 2007

- a. Joel Kerwin is doing the course for 4 nights and 1 Saturday morning to all coaches and assistants. Everyone only needs to attend 1 time to get certified. Greta is hoping the coaches will respond to this. It is free for them but costing Rec \$30.00 a person.

G. Other Business

1. There was never a recreation soccer policy approved. Greta will ask Mark to look into it.
2. Linda mentioned about the drains backing up at Cushetunk Park. Greta will call Scott about it.

H. Closing Next meeting to be held on October 24, 2007.

Jeff made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 10:05 P.M. on September 26, 2007.**

Ken seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, September 26, 2007.

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, September 27, 2007

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, October 12, 2007

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine with final committee approval, October 29, 2007