

Readington Recreation Minutes

April 25, 2007

- A. Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.
- B. Attendance:
1. Committee Attendance: Ken Groel, Bill Keefe, Sharon Bohner, Linda Busch
 2. Township Officials: Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine
- C. Minutes Approval:
- Sharon made a Motion: *The minutes from the March 28, 2007 recreation meeting are approved.* Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Correspondence: None
- E. Old Business
1. Needs Assessment Update-Greta Kenney
There was a discussion on changes that needed to be made on the Assessment Draft.
 - a. #12 All money amounts should be filled in before sending out.
 - b. #1 Playgrounds- should be broken up including all parks to see what people are using. Include Hillcrest, East Whitehouse, Pickle, Summer Road, Cushetunk, and Cornhusker Park. It was decided that Ann should reword and list as she thinks is best. #5 does not specifically say playgrounds just parks.
 - c. #5 Need to add Cushetunk Park
 - d. #10 spelling error should say What is your not what is you
 - e. #11 After some discussion it was decided that 11h should be added to ask them to list the top 3 priorities in order of priority. It was decided that Anne could word it the best.
The committee also discussed that the title should express the importance of taking the time to fill this out whether it include how much this is costing tax payers or how often this is done or how important this is to the future of this township. It was felt by all that Anne needs to make that paragraph a little stronger to make people take the time to fill this survey out.
8th Grade students-Mark said that the last 2 periods were core classes and the students could not be removed from them. He also stated that the Superintendent and the Board should have their approval of recreation doing this school before we proceed. Greta needs to talk to school board and superintendent or contact the students outside of the school.
 2. Selection of Jim Rohl Scholars
After some discussion Mark made a motion: **The Jim Rohl Scholars would be given to #8 and #9 and each would receive \$1,000.00 checks.** Sharon seconded the motion.
 3. Parade Update-Tom A.
 - a. Tom is meeting with Scott on Friday to go over everything with him as he will be handling all the set up now.
 - b. Tom reports everything is on track but still need more volunteers and we have collected about \$1,800.00 in donations so far.
 - c. Linda reported she is getting a red, white & blue birdhouse from the craft store downtown to give as a gift for best decorated place.
 - d. Sharon is working on getting scout helpers to carry the bucket for donations as the scouts will pass out the flags but are not able to handle the money.
 - e. Bill will do the signs and will help with set up and tell people where to go on parade day as he did last year.
 - f. Greta needs to get the truck for storing the band equipment in.
 - g. Patti reported letters went out for community people to set up tables. She also visited all grocery stores and left a letter for donations of foods and will follow up on them next week.
 - h. Tom asked Patti to make up a sign like last year to hang up listing all the people and places that made donations.
 4. Movie Night update-Ken
 - a. Ken is getting the movie "Sandlot" but will cost \$250.00 to get it licensed so show.
 - b. We are not allowed to advertise in any newspapers, TV, radio, all we can do is advertise through flyers, newsletter and website.

c. Ken hopes to show it in June at Hillcrest Park and open snack stand, sell refreshments and recoup our \$250.00.

d. It was suggested to have one at Pickel Park because it has lights. Ken must check with township about having temp lights up at Hillcrest Park.

5. April 14th Fun Day Summary

Patti reported it went well considering the weather was cold and windy. We gave out about 250 hot dogs and selling about another 50. Each child got a free hot dog and juice box.

There we 3 blow up rides for the children to enjoy and everything went well.

6. Trails update

a. Mark is working with Greta on this and hopefully will continue with the grant for another year. The trail they are looking at to refurbish is off Foothill Road by Stanton off # Route 31 going to Stickney Farm ending across Deer Path Park. Cost of project would be about \$14,000.00 The grant would cover \$9,600.00 and the Township would pick up the rest.

They want to get the kids involved in making the trails.

b. Linda is trying to coordinate with a Landscaper to put a path from Cushentek to Pickel Park and then landscape with plants and trees with trade for free advertising if we pay for materials will they do labor?? Linda is looking into this.

E. New Business

1. Fishing Derby June 17th

It will be held at Deer Path Park. Ron Ervick and Ken Groel take care of judging the fish.

I It runs from 12:00-3:00 with prizes for best, most, largest, smallest, etc. All kids get free juice and snack. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

2. Parks/Recreation Coordination

a. Patti commented how clean the bathrooms are staying and how she has hot water and things fixed at the snack stand running very smoothly.

b. Bill Quinn commented on how the fields are always done and how well they look.

c. Mark commented that the soccer fields were good and Scott is working on getting safer ways of setting the goal cages up permanently.

d. Bill Keefe also commented on the fields being in good shape and ready.

3. Soccer Tryouts

a. Mark said they are going to be on May 11 and May 22 and flyers were going out to schools

b. Tryouts are run by the Coach and 1 coach from another team and UK Elite.

c. Paul told all the coaches they must fill out an application whether they coached before or not and get them in ASAP. He also said anyone wanting to be a coach must get an application in and needs to be interviewed by the committee at the May's committee meeting.

4. Basketball- Travel

a. Ron is still looking for more feedback from the players about their coaches.

b. Ron wants the committee to select all travel basketball coaches at our June meeting rather than in the fall.

5. Community Center Information from John Hunt

John Hunt offered information about how some towns have built community centers.

Mark made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 9:00 P.M. on April 25, 2007.** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, April 25, 2007.

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

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, May 1, 2007

