

Readington Recreation Minutes

June 28, 2007

- A. Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.
- B. Attendance:
1. Committee Attendance: Sharon Bohner Becker, Linda Busch, Jeff Kane, Bill Quinn, Tom Daly
 2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine
 3. Public: Steve Gibble and Angie Gibble
- C. Minutes Approval:
Jeff made a Motion: *The minutes from the May 25th, 2007 recreation meeting are approved.* Linda seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Correspondence: Thank you from Joelle Jacobsen for the Jim Rohl Scholarship
- E. Old Business
1. Needs Assessment Update-Greta Kenney
 - a. Pre-Survey Letter September 14- committee made corrections
 - b. Survey and Letter September 21-committee made corrections-Tom Daly will rewrite letter
 - c. Follow up Post Card was not available
 2. Fishing Derby recap-Ken
There were 55 kids entering and the winners are online and in the paper
The weather was good and there was a nice turnout.
 3. Movie Night update-Ken
 - a. Ken is getting the movie "Sandlot" but will cost \$250.00 to get it licensed so show.
 - b. Ken could get the DPW to put work light on hill and by baseball field
 - c. Ken hopes to show it Friday night on July 13th at Pickel Park.
 - d. It was suggested to have one at Pickel Park because it has lights.
 - e. Invitations would go out to coaches and families to thank them for their time.
 - f. Greta will talk with Glenn from Branchburg recreation to see how they do their movies.
 4. Update on Travel Basketball Coaches-Tom D.
 - a. Jerry Nealon and Mike Knight will work together on the travel team
 - b. There needs to be a policy for all coaches to have a probation period when they begin coaching
 - c. The committee should monitor all travel coaches by attending some games.
 5. Football Project-Greta
 - a. There was a discussion on football fields. Possibility of having a field at Summer Road on other side of S1 or one with Holland Brook School or maybe Hillcrest Park
 - b. There was a discussion on having football organizations using our fields and what the cost would be to us for use of fields and what we should charge them
 - c. Greta will keep us updated about the football fields and their usage.
 6. Trail Grant
Greta has a trail grant and Jay Kelly is having 3 scouts and 1 eagle scout working at the Dobozyński Farm with Mike Crawford.
 7. Memorial Day Parade Success
The parade went very well. We will go forward with another great parade for 08.
 8. Pickell Park Walking Path Completed- Linda reported the township did Pickell Park path and the Landscaper will redo it in the fall.
 9. Web Page Brief Discussion-Greta
She says it is updated and working well.
 10. Recycle Cans in all parks. The can cost \$500.00 a piece and there should be at least 2 per park.
Linda suggested that we get sponsors to pay for can and paint their name of cans. Greta said she would put 2 at Hillcrest Park during the softball tournaments in July and see how they go work before purchasing them. It was suggested that she look into RVCC to see if they could help us in any way. They will be on consignment and we will try to get a clean communities grant to purchase them. Greta will also check with township and see if they can help pay for them.

F. New Business

1. Holland Brook School Field

Greta is meeting with school officials about helping them redo Holland Brook field so it can be used by both the school and recreation. Work will be done by Parks Department and paid by Readington Recreation.

2. Lacrosse Program

- a. Angie and Steve Gible presented the committee with the idea of building a lacrosse program since there is a large interest now
- b. Flemington team where Readington lacrosse players go now have 5 boy's teams and 3 girl's teams from grades 3-8th. The cost is \$150.00 to register. They play teams in Branchburg, Tewksbury, Bridgewater, Delaware Valley, North Hunterdon, Clinton, and Long Valley. They are called Little Devils which is a private for profit organization.
- c. The Gibbles propose we have our own lacrosse program from grades 3-8 and play with the above townships starting in Spring 2008.
- d. Mike Verglatio does a boys lacrosse at the High School and would be willing to do some free clinics for coaches to coach teams.
- e. Angie would like to see us start this process this summer and have fall coaching clinics.
- f. The players would buy their own equipment including: sticks, eye protection, mouth pieces, helmet.
- g. Lacrosse needs a place to play. Suggestions were to use Readington School or at Hillcrest Park-small field in back
- h. Ken offered to work with the Gible's to get this off the ground. A flyer will be made up and sent out, and it will be posted on the recreation website.

3. Bocce League

Mr. Orlandi wants to start a bocce league to use either a court on Summer Road or possibly at Pickel Park. Greta will talk with him and see how much interest we have out there.

4. Field Usage & Green Acres

Greta reminded the committee that the fields are on green acres so therefore the public can use these fields.

5. Summer Recreation

Patti reported there are about 450+ coming to summer recreation. The teen program is doing Ok once they realized there are rules that will be followed. There are over 50 counselors this year and all is going well.

G. Other Business

1. Registration done on line with credit cards. There was a discussion on the cost and letting the parents pay any fees added on to their credit card. It was suggested to go on league lineup and look for one without fees. Greta will research this and come back with information.
2. Summer Bees are at the baseball fields at Cornhuskers and Pickel Park in the mounds. Greta is getting an exterminator out to take care of them.
3. It was reported that travel soccer is forming A & B teams with the U-11 boys. Our policy is there aren't any A & B teams in travel only A teams. Greta will talk with Paul on this matter.
4. Smoking in our parks is becoming more of an issue. There needs to be signs made up to say no smoking or "Little Lungs at play. Please do not smoke". Greta will get signs for all parks.

H. Closing 10:30 P.M

Jeff made the motion: **The meeting is adjourned at 10:30 P.M. on June 28, 2007.** Ken seconded it. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, June 28, 2007.

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, July 19, 2007

Minutes were corrected by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, August 7, 2007

