

Readington Recreation Minutes  
February 22, 2006

A. Ed called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

B. Attendance:

1. Committee Attendance: Ed Dudzinski, Ron Armellino, Ken Groel, Bill Quinn. Mark Toman , Sharon Becker, Jeff Kane, Tom Daley
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine, Betty Ann Fort
3. Public: Linda Busch, Alex Courtney, Jake & Josh Spooner, Paul London, Karen London, Mike ?, ??, JJ three men from Flag football

C. Minutes Approval:

Ed made a Motion: The minutes from the January 25, 2006 recreation meeting be accepted as corrected and received by everyone through e-mail with one change to be made: Travel Softball Coaches – Jeff Kane is coach for Under12 and Mike Shannon is coach for Under 14.

D. Correspondence:

Red Devils Booster Club sent a thank you not for our \$500 donation

E. Skate Board Presentation ( New Business Special Presentation)

1. Alex, Jake, Josh, and Paul gave a presentation on the need for a place to skate board.
2. They want a street skate place not with big jumps –a modern day street skate park.
3. A modern skate park includes stairs, railings, obstacle courses not large ramps.
4. They would like to put it in the volleyball section of Pickell Park which measures 275 by 150. They would like it to be concrete with a fence around it with rules on it.
5. Karen said there is grant money available from the Grant Plaza Foundations and also from sponsors such as D.C. Shoes, Red Bull, Napster, etc. and local skate shops
6. The closest sample as to what they want is in Sayreville, not in Clinton Twp.
7. Greta suggested they do the following for our next meeting in March
  - Find out what it would cost to build one they way you would like
  - Find out what the maintenance cost would be on a skate park
  - Bring a picture and sketches on how you want it to look
  - Look into grants and and sponsors and see what you could get.

F. Introduce Betty Ann Fort ( New Business )

1. Betty was introduced to everyone and told us about the needs assessment. She will be working with Greta.
2. The needs assessment is addressing other aspects for the township not just a community center.
3. Betty felt it is more indoor activities such as seniors, teens, singles, moms, tots, etc.
4. Survey should not be put on website but done through the mail and completed by experts that are independent of township residents.

G. Old Business

1. Seniors Survey Follow Up
  - Linda wrote up a needs survey to be given out to seniors. All surveys must go through township.
  - Jerry Shamey is working with Diane Clapp about some needs for Senior.
  - Greta wants to put Senior news in the newsletter each month.
  - Ed made a motion: **Greta puts updated senior news each month in the newsletter, Readington News and the Township newsletter. Greta will get approval from Diane and Vita first.** The motion was seconded by Mark. All were in favor.
2. Memorial Day Parade
  - Patti said a flyer will be going out on Monday for the parade to all the schools.
  - Still checking on a Marching Band
  - Some one suggested Tom call Chris from Sneakers Plus for more Classic Cars
3. Motion to Approve Recreation and Travel Softball Policies and Procedures
  - Recreation Softball- changes were to specify rule of using batting cages for all practice with batting. Add under manager selection #7 & 8 to assistant coach and group directors. Make any other small corrections.
  - Ed made a motion: **The committee accepts the Recreation Softball Policies and Procedures with the revisions just discussed.** Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  - Travel Softball- Changes to be made were the 4<sup>th</sup> graders must play in Recreation to be on travel and only that grade
  - Change was: Although the coaches will “endeavor” to get all players at bat, we said if not “must” get one at bat next game. This does not apply to 16u or 18u.
  - Mark made a motion: **The Travel Softball Policy and Procedures be adopted by the committee with Jeff making the necessary changes just discussed.** Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.
4. Update of Cynthia Critelli Tournament
  - Ron reported that there are 16 teams playing from 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
  - Jeff is working on getting T-Shirts done at \$3.50 each and both sides will be printed on.
  - The tournament booklet is not doing well this year so far. Deadline is March 12. All teams were sent a form and a flyer will go out on Monday.
5. Pictures for Web Page from Holiday Tournament
  - Ron will send to Ken after Jeff and himself will pick out which pictures to put on the website
6. Web Page Update
  - Ken reported people are still having problems finding recreation from the website.
  - The question was asked to Tom if it could become easier for others. He will take care of it.
7. Motion to accept Linda Busch as an alternate to the Recreation Committee
  - Ed made a motion: **The Recreation Committee accept Linda Busch as an alternate to the Recreation Committee with the approval of the Township Committee.** Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor and welcomed her.

H. New Business

1. Need Assessment

- Betty Ann Fort is chairperson and wants to do a demographic for age groups with vertical interest groups based on needs and wants to see the whole picture.
- The committee will impute there ideas once it is written up.
- Greta wants to get this out in the mail this May.
- Greta has 3 needs assessments from other townships Branchburg, Clinton Twp. Somerset County Parks and hopefully soon Hunterdon County Parks

2. Capital Improvements

- Tennis Courts- They need to be repaired. 3 years ago was fixed not right.  
Bruce Wiley is getting names to fix courts.
- Lining of Basketball Courts  
They will get done this spring.
- New Signage at Entrance to park  
Greta is looking into getting new professional looking signs to put in at all the parks

3. Tournament in memory of Susan and Chelsa Makara

- It will be held May 13 & May 14
- It will be run by HealthQuest and sponsored by PNB Bank
- Ron will be in charge of Readington's participation holding it in 3 gyms
- Next meeting will discuss a donation recreation will make
- They helped with the Hops program

I. Public Comments

1. Flag Football

- Mike presented the committee with a proposal for Youth Flag Football League
- The season would be Sept- Nov. meet twice a week with practice and Saturday games
- Possibly use East Whitehouse Field and Pickle Park
- Greta told them they need qualified coaches with Rutgers certification, fingerprinted and knowledge of football. Question do they have coaches?
- A Concern is what will it do to our soccer program
- Greta asked them to come back in March with more structure and a procedure and policy written similar to our other sports.
- This sport will become a Readington Recreation sport.
- Another question was about who will officiate the games and at what cost? Answers to come in March.

2. Ernie Renda passing.

- Township is naming an Industrial Park after him in his honor
- The committee would like to donate a possible tree planting for him

3. Family Day scheduled for April will be postponed to possible fall or next spring.

4. Budget will be discussed at next meeting.

J. Adjournment: Ed made a motion: **The recreation meeting be adjourned at 9:56 P.M.**

Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

