

Readington Recreation Minutes
September 27, 2006

- A. Ed Dudzinski called the meeting to order at 8:40 P.M.
- B. Attendance:
1. Committee Attendance, Ed Dudzinski, Ken Groel, Mark Toman, Jeff Kane, Tom Daly, Linda Busch, Bill Quinn, Sharon Becker, Bill Keefe
 2. Township Officials: Tom Auriemma, Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine
Public: Jim DeSeno, Anthony Filipini, Roger Brown, Tom, and Mike Schoderbeck
- C. Executive Session: Interview of Travel Basketball Coaches
1. Interviews for 5th Grade boys, 5th Grade Girls, and, 4th Grade Boys
- D. Minutes Approval:
- Ed made a Motion: ***The minutes from the June 28, 2006 recreation meeting are approved with the correction made on the basketball policy 3e.*** Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Correspondence:
1. Letter from Hunterdon Central Basketball Booster Club for \$500.00 Donation.
 2. Ed made a motion: ***Readington Recreation will give a \$500.00 donation to the Hunterdon Central Basketball Booster Club.*** Sharon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- E. Old Business
1. Adult Volleyball
 - a. Jim DeSeno came to see if the adult volleyball could be continued this year
 - b. Adults used to play one night a week from 6:30-10:00 then changed to 7:30-10:00 to allow the school to play earlier.
 - c. They want to know what the procedure is to get adult volleyball back into the gym once a week.
 - d. It was explained to them that the gym is being used first by Readington Residence with the greatest numbers in an activity There wasn't enough Readington Residents coming out for volleyball to justify their gym time.
 - e. Jim DeSeno reminded the committee they donated poles & nets for volleyball in school.
 - f. The committee suggested that they need to get a list of interested volleyball players and their addresses and set up a budget and registration as every other sport does and bring it back to committee. A list of regular players that will commit to coming every week for the entire season
 - g. The committee will then look into a night if there is as much interest as other sports have.
 2. Flag Football-Tom Daley
 - a. Tom reported Mike did a great job getting this program off the ground.
 - b. Tom went over the clinics and gave everyone a copy (see attached)
 - c. They are using Three Bridges and Readington School fields. They would rather have the smaller field at Three Bridges painted and not use the field at RMS with cones
 - d. All games and practices would like to be played at Three Bridges
 - e. There will be 6 games played and the season will end November 11.
 - f. Mike ordered uniforms and ordered mandatory mouth guards for all players
 - g. The committee needs to look into a real football field for next season. Greta suggested we look into building a complete new field with a NFL sports grant. Sharon is looking into it for 2007.
 3. Travel Basketball Parents Meeting-Sept.28 at RMS
 - a. Tom Daley will be giving a presentation to Parents and Coaches on how the travel team works, it's mission statement, policy procedures, program overview, team selection process and roles of players, parents, coaches.
 - b. He invited everyone from the committee to come.
 - c. Greta said that having parents meetings is being done in all places now because of the behavior problems at games. Soccer does it with a S>A>G>E (Set a Good Example) meeting
 - d. Ed suggested all parents of any travel team player sign the rules & procedures

4. Amy Cooke Clinic

- a. There was a good turn out for the 4th -6th graders but not with the 7th-8th graders.
- b. Jeff said most 7th -8th Graders went in the summer and felt this was the same program.

5. Paving of Walk Way at Summer Road

Road department brought a new paving machine and will help make a 8' wide walkway from the parking lot at Summer Road Park up to the snack stand and down to the softball fields.
Hope to start this fall.

6. Fall Softball Program

There are 10 & 12 year olds with about 20 kids and play 4 teams-Flemington, Hillsborough, Branchburg, and Readington. They play double headers on Saturday mornings at Summer Road Park and it cost \$100.00 for the season.

7. At Bat Areas at Softball Fields

Greta reported they are done with at Pickel Park , Summer Road and Hillcrest park. She waiting for them to put the caps on the poles and then she will send them their final payment.

8. Needs Assessment

- a. The needs assessment committee interviewed and studied 3 Companies and decided on Ann Toole who seemed to do a very thorough job and took all things into account. She is local and experienced. She gave a great presentation
- b. Greta will do a summary and present it to the committee.
- c. Tom Auriemma said it would be financed through Readington. Recreation until 2007 budget then Recreation will be reimbursed for the ½ the bill by the town.
- d. Hope to send the mailing out in February to about 1500 with hopes of at least 500 returns.

9. Soccer update

- a. Travel soccer is doing well with 11 Travel teams from U8-U14 with about 170 players
- b. Uk_Elite is used for both travel and recreational soccer on Tuesday and Thursday
- c. Recreation soccer has over 300 kids in it.
- d. Soccer Fields
Kevin reseeded Hillcrest with a quick seed and it was ready for the tournament. Greta says they need to be seeded now with an athletic field grass seed. Some Hillcrest fields need to be reseeded and put to rest. Cornhuskers need big work done on the small field.
- e. Travel Soccer will be hosting a Regional S>A>G>E meeting on October 5, at RMS Cafetorium at 7:30. The committee is invited.
- f. Referee Class will be held October 14, 15, 17 at Holland Brook School . So far 28 people signed up. Referees get paid \$35.00-\$40.00 a game
- g. Hunterdon Central is having Youth Night to help build bridges between our soccer program and Hunterdon High School program
- h. Elite Feet program is Monday nights for anyone who wants to practice held by UK-Elite

F. New Business

1. Introduce Bill Keefe

Bill was welcomed to our committee and has volunteered to be the liason for inline hockey

2. Soccer Fest Report.

- a. There were 89 teams and made about \$22,000 but not all bills are in.
- b. Mark had many people in charge of certain areas. The field marshals kept all games starting on time.
- c. Mark had a food drive with over 1600 pieces of food donated and also had used soccer equipment collected for John Papizan's son took to another country in need
- d. Mark reported the tournament was complete success and had the best weather again

3. Lights at Hillcrest Park

- a. Tom Auriemma got permission from Township Committee to put lights at Soccer field 3 in Hillcrest Park on a trial basis for practice only.

- b. Travel Soccer asked Tom get lights so the teams could get more practice and compete better with outside teams.
 - c. There are 2 sets of light one at each of the end zones.
 - d. The long term goal is to have permanent lights in some of our fields
4. Seniors Update
- a. Linda reported that our senior groups seem to be pretty self sufficient and have many trips planned.
 - b. Four Seasons would like a path to Pickel Park and a walking path around the park. This would be a good Eagle Scout project.
 - c. What the seniors need is a good line of communication to advertise what activities are coming up. The second thing some seniors need is transportation.
 - d. Mirato would like the park at Cushentuk to have some updated playground equipment so when they can bring their little ones there to play.
 - e. Linda would like to set up a buddy system for transportation of seniors for the seniors drivers to take the non drivers.
5. Sharon –Grants USTA for courts
- She is looking into grants for Flag Football field, new Tennis Courts, and is the application process for October 2007 because we missed this year’s deadline.
- Sharon will be working with Greta on grants instead of hiring someone else
6. Report on Summer Recreation
- Patti reported there were over 400 children and 43 counselors. It was one of the best summers with excellent staff and good kids. There were more special programs than ever and all went well.
10. Next Meeting October 25, 2006. Ed made the motion: ***The recreation meeting is adjourned at 10:50 P.M.*** Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, September 27, 2006.
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