

Readington Recreation Minutes
December 2, 2009

A. Greta Kenney called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

B. **Attendance:**

1. Committee Attendance: Melissa Adams. Ken Groel, John Hunt, Bill Keefe, Mark Toman, Jeff Kane, Linda Busch,
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine, Jill Harris
3. Guests: Alison Wood

C. **Minutes Approval:**

1. Ken made a Motion: *The minutes from the October 28th, 2009 Recreation Meeting is approved with change of date of next meeting to DecemberDecember2, 2009.* John seconded the motion. All were in favor.

D. **Correspondence:** None

E. Old Business

1. Cheerleading Program-Permanent Status

- a. Greta told the cheerleaders' coaches they need to write a policy and procedures for cheerleading and bring it to the committee for approval of this to be a permanent sport in recreation.
- b. John gave them a copy of the football policy and procedures to use as a guideline.
- c. John and Greta will help them write it up to present in the new year.

2. Holiday Tournament-Greta

- a. There are 120 teams registered to play and Ron is working very hard getting them and setting up schedules.
- b. We will use Readington School both gyms, Holland Brook School, Hunterdon Central (1 day), JP Case (2 gyms 2 days), and Healthquest (amount of time still in question)
- c. Jeff is ordering T-Shirts in royal blue
- d. It was decided to use volunteers only for director which will be hopefully coaches and assistants or someone familiar with basketball. Craig Lindemann will be scheduling them.
- e. Workers for the door and Hoops' Hut will be hired at \$9.00 an hour.
- f. Greta invited everyone to stop in over the Holidays and see some great games.
- g. Patti will be getting 2 scorers per game and will set up their schedule.
- h. Greta said the fee this year would be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 seniors and child but would get a \$1.00 discount if they bring in a nonperishable food.

3. Sod done on fields looks great

- a. Scott had sod put down sod in the infield arch by fence lines behind 1st & 3rd bases to help recover some of the infield mix every time it rains. Greta reported it looks great and told all to go see it.
- b. It has been paved under the benches and reset up dug out benches.
- c. Jeff said we still need to redirect H1 water because it slides over to H2-H3 and a swale should be built. Greta will mention it to Scott.

4. Signs ordered have sample

Everyone looked at sample and was pleased. It is blue with gold letters.

5. Basketball Evaluations-Registration was very light

- a. It was discussed all sport registrations are down due to less children in schools.
- b. We lost many 4, 5, 6 boys because they are now playing on the Radiant teams (Independent B travel teams). It was discussed the expense of these teams and parents don't seem to mind paying it.
- c. The girls' teams will be 3rd & 4th playing together and 5th, 6th & 7th playing together and will have to refund 4 8th graders that registered. The 8th graders do not want to go outside the township to

6. Food Collection-Holiday Tournament

- a. Greta said we would collect food for the food pantry at each school.
- b. It was decided what we collect at RMS and Holland Brook Schools would go to Starfish in Readington and what was collected at JP Case, High School and Healthquest would go to Flemington's Food Pantry.

7. Sent-email to Poly-Tech about Gazebo

Greta reported she had no heard anything back from them yet but will give them a call.

8. Maintenance Cost for Fields on Weekend-Greta

- a. Greta explained the total expense for getting fields ready for tournaments is \$40.00.
- b. Greta pays kids from tournament money to take charge of fields and garbage during tournaments.
- c. The men's tournaments take care of themselves or they do not come back to play again.
- d. We charge softball to use our fields \$25.00 a day and we open concession stand and that money is recreation money not teams playing.
- e. It was stated that there is no real issue with cost of fields unless we have a lot of rain.

9. Set Date in January for Film in Cafetorium

Greta said Patti and her were talking and thought instead of movie that Patti would organize special programs such as science, craft, music, animal show or Saturday afternoon trips.

10. Building update

- a. John and Greta are looking into places for a gym to lease.
- b. Some suggestions were a building next to DeMarco's on Rte #22, Thimbal Door building, and Mark Hartman property.

F. New Business

1. Soccer Fields- Paul Tarantiles

- a. Greta said Paul could not make this meeting.
- b. Paul was going to present to us the idea of a lighted turf field at Hillcrest Park.
- c. There was a lot of discussion
 1. Stated expense to maintain a turf field is very costly-who would pay for that?
 2. Renting the lights for 3 years now has been very successful.
 3. Suggestion was made for Greta to look into purchasing those lights and we could then use them for other things during year (such as outdoor movies). Ken volunteered to look up prices for lights.
 4. Question was if it property is Green Acres can we put turf there?
- e. Lacrosse League starts March 1st and registration needs to begin soon. The question is what the fee should be. Last year our budget was \$150.00 in the red.
- f. Lacrosse should be a travel team and the parents should pay for uniform and pennies, etc. extra above the registration fee as other travel teams do. It was suggested to make registration \$100.00.
- g. Greta and Ken will work on getting policies and procedures made for committee approval before season begins.
- h. Ken will get a complete contract for Healthquest for this clinic on Saturdays 3:00-4:30 and possibly Friday nights and meet with Greta to review.

2. End of Season-Weather Conditions?

- a. It was a hard year for all sports.
- b. It was suggested individual sports be cancelled not just all sports cancelled.
- c. Flag Football wants to start earlier next season by doing online registration. They will bring a solution to cancellations at the January meeting.
- d. Patti suggested doing more delayed openings instead of cancellations and also soccer having a Sunday make up schedule set up before season starts.

3. Free Throw Contest Raise Funds for Critelli Tournament

- a. This will be for only rec players and it will be their contribution to the Critelli Fund.
- b. This will be on President's weekend and the rec coaches will help.
- c. The kids will get sponsors and we sell refreshments and sell breast cancer awareness things.
- d. John, Bill and Ron will work together on this.
- e. It will not be competitive like Knights of Columbus program was. It will be fun for kids and adults.
- f. There will be all divisions and use all baskets in schools.
- g. There would be no regular rec games that weekend.

4. Recreation Basketball-Co-ed 2nd Grade

- a. Alison Wood is the director of 2nd Grade Basketball
- b. She gave these reasons to have co-ed basketball and not boy's teams and girls teams
 1. There are only 14 girls and they would play same girls every week.
 2. At this age they are all beginners so boys and girls should be mixed
 3. This is a grade of clinic teaching and not all about games.

4. There will be weekly scrimmage and games for 10-11 weeks and there will be clinics done each Saturday morning.
5. They needed the girls to make more boys teams. –Then there will be 6 boys & 2 girls for each team.

c. The argument was:

1. We advertise boys and girls teams separate.
2. May lose some girls as they don't want to play with boys.
3. This was done back in 2002-2003 season and it was change back again.

d. Jeff made a motion: **This year will be a trial program for recreation coed 2nd grade basketball teams and at the end of the season it will be evaluated.** John seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Volleyball Report-Bill Keefe

- a. Bill reported the 12U was a competitive team this year and the 14U may be a 13U instead.
- b. They want to use Holland Brook School next season...
- c. March 27 will be Readington's Volleyball Tournament

6. Dec. 14th Rutgers RMS 302 6:30-9:30 FYI

Greta reported there will still openings and CPR classes will resume in January.

H. Other Business

1. Lacrosse-Ken

Ken reported he is still looking to start a girl's lacrosse but has not been able to get anyone to volunteer to coach girls teams. He was going to write something up and put it in the paper and listserv.

2. Jeff suggested we do a 9 hole Golf with parent/child at either Green Knoll or Neshanic or some golf course this summer and maybe even run a golf camp for kids. There was a positive response from committee and Jeff is looking into some possibilities.

H. Closing Next meeting will to be held on January 27th at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM

Jeff made the motion: ***The Recreation meeting is adjourned at 9:45 P.M. on December 2,, 2009.*** Melissa seconded it. All were in favor

Minutes were written by Patricia Marcine, Recording Secretary, December 13th, 2009.

Minutes were corrected on